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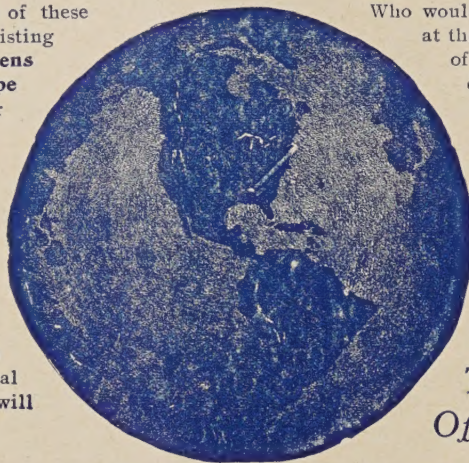


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WE believe that our friends and subscribers will be pleased with this issue of VICK'S MAGAZINE, as it is filled with material that will interest and instruct everyone. We want you to read it carefully, also notice the good things outlined below in store for our readers during the coming months. We shall exert every effort to make Vick's the BIGGEST 50 cents worth of Magazine that can be found. Now it costs money, lots of it, and more too than you may imagine to produce such a magazine as Vick's, and if our subscribers will only help us just a little by renewing at once, we can give you a better journal each month.

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Fiction is particularly strong in this issue, for besides our stirring serial "Buell Hampton," and that picture of Western life which was drawn from life, "Cattle Ranch to College," we give a story entitled, "The March of Progress" which has been illustrated by Frank G. Brown, one of our artists who is now working in Holland and who made the cover design for this number.

There are more than twenty "Clever Ways of Doing Things," quite as many receipts of value for the Housekeeper, some charming verses written "Just for you," useful patterns of Fancy Work; Poultry and Garden notes, and Fashions which not only show you What To Wear, but How to Make It. Unusually choice pictures help to make this number THE BEST YET in our opinion, which will be shared by you when placed in your hands.

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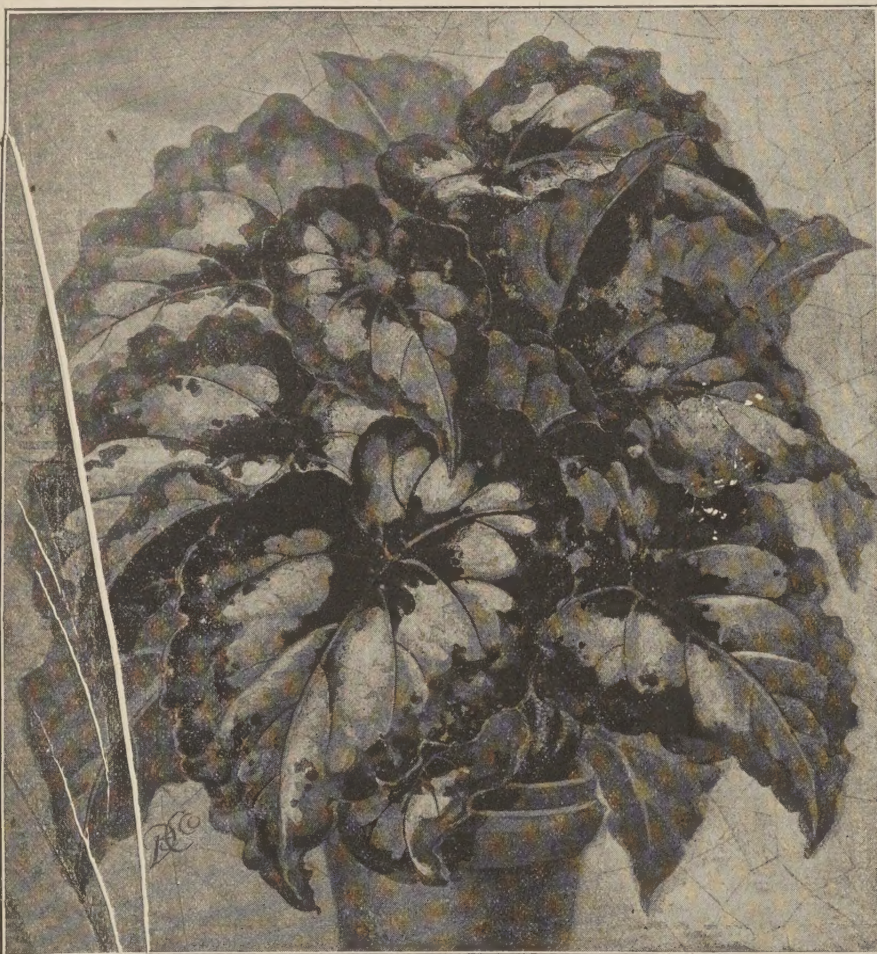
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- Indianapolis.**—Solid silver leaves with tinge of green at edge. Small whorl at base of leaf.
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BREAKFAST had reached its comfortable conclusion at the Leonard farm, and the master of the house, at peace with the world, had tipped back his chair for a meditative moment before leaving the table, while his capable wife was putting the dishes together.

They were a comely couple, with whom life had gone easily. They had married rather late, and their two sons, now grown up, had chosen business rather than farm life, and gone out into the world leaving the parents again alone. Both were in the early sixties, brisk and active, and in keen enjoyment of all the good things in their lot.

Presently Mrs. Leonard paused in her busy movements. "Send James round with the buggy about nine o'clock, Charles," she said briskly. "You'll find your lunch on the table this noon, and the coffee on the back of the stove all right. I'm going to town to-day."

Mr. Leonard's chair came down with a thump. "Now Maria!" he began in an aggrieved tone, "You aint goin' to set out to go to town right in the midst o' ploughin', are you?"

"You begun ploughing, Charles?" broke in Mrs. Leonard with prompt interest. "When did you start in, and what you doing first this time?"

The husband fidgetted a little uneasily. "Well," he admitted somewhat reluctantly, "I aint exactly begun, as you may say, anywhere yet, I'm calculatin' on doin' the South Lot this mornin', so's to get things in kinder early."

Mrs. Leonard's eyes twinkled. "On I wouldn't hurry, Charles," she interrupted easily. "Better wait a spell first, till the ground warms up some. It's early yet. And didn't you say you'd mend up the front fence first? I noticed yesterday, one of the palings is off. Seems to me today'd be a good chance for that."

"Fence can wait," grumbled Mr. Leonard. "I'm goin' to plough that South Lot. What's your takin' to get to town to-day anyhow? You went last Sunday, an' you'll be goin' again next Sunday. Can't you make that do you?"

"I want to see the doctor for one thing," replied his wife with dignity. "And I've got shopping—"

"The doctor?" Mr. Leonard broke in; "What you want to see *him* for, Maria? You aint said a word about bein' sick before. What's took you so sudden now?"

"I haven't been feeling just right quite a while."—Mrs. Leonard was still dignified—"and it's better to tend to things in time. You wouldn't want to lose me, Charles, would you?"

Her husband's air of exasperation was amusing to see, "Now Maria!" he demanded, "Now Maria! what you askin' me such questions as that, for? You know I've never hindered you havin' the doctor every day of your life if you wanted to, an' I aint goin' to begin now. There's Matthews went along by over to Lawton's, half an hour ago. You can call him in on the way back if you want him. He's as good as any of 'em, I guess."

"No, Charles." His wife spoke with decision. "I don't hold with homeopaths, and I never did. I'm not going to pay any man two dollars a visit, and be doctored out of my own water-pail! You can make up your mind to that."

"Some folks think he's perfection," argued Mr. Leonard stubbornly. "An' I don't see but he cures as many of 'em as Gibbs does, anyway."

"Well, he won't cure me," returned his wife decidedly. "Two or three drops of nonsense in two tumblers of water, and if you're very sick, in three tumblers. No, Mr. Leonard! Medicine is medicine, and I don't hold with any such foolishness."

"Well, then, like as not some of the neighbors will be goin' over, an'

The March of Progress

By Ruth Hays

take you along," persisted Mr. Leonard obstinately. "I want the horse myself."

Mrs. Leonard's eye twinkled again, but her face was grave, as she severely demanded, "Aint you a man of your word, Charles Leonard?"—and Mr. Leonard wriggled uneasily as he answered.

"Now Ma!" fretfully, "Now Ma, what's the use of askin' such questions? You know well as I do what sort of man I am. That aint got nothin' to do with it anyway."

But she held him sternly. "Didn't you promise me, thirty years ago, and before ever I came over here to live, solemn true, that I should go to town just whenever I pleased, without a word from you? Didn't you say that?"

"Well—I thought you was a reasonable woman when I said it," retorted Mr. Leonard. "An' you have been pretty often, I should think. You aint no call to complain of that."

Oh, I'm not complaining," returned his wife. Of course I've been. I took you at your word, and if you're going back on it now, I want to know it."

Mr. Leonard rose and pushed back his chair noisily.

"Well, if you've made up your mind to go, I s'pose you'll go! Might as well try to stop a gale o' wind. —Wish the cars come right up to the door, so's you could step on the minute the notion took you, an' p'raps you'd be satisfied"—with a vindictive slam of the door for emphasis.

Mrs. Leonard's comfortable shoulders shook a little. "Oh, I know Charles Leonard!" she laughed, wiping her eyes. "He's been ploughing or something every time I've been to town these thirty years. He ought to be tired of it by this time."

The buggy appeared promptly, and found her quite ready, with a virtuous consciousness of the good lunch set forth for Mr. Leonard's noonday refectation, and thriftily covered with a white cloth. It was her custom on such occasions to bring back some special dainty for their early supper, and she decided that this time it should be oysters. Charles was very fond of oysters, and we all know the first duty of a good wife is to feed her husband well; especially when his temper is a trifle uncertain, or temporarily upset. So she set forth serenely on her day's pleasuring, her shopping, her calls in town, the dinner with her sister's family, and the visit to her good old doctor, whose prescriptions never failed to set her right up with gratifying promptness:—all of which she successfully accomplished before the punctual James again appeared with the buggy, and they came jogging leisurely back before sunset, and in good time for supper.

When she had poured the tea at her bountifully spread table, and had seen Mr. Leonard enjoying his oysters with zest, she gave him all the adventures of her day abroad, and the lively gossip of the village, winding up with, "Well Charles, I've had a real good day; and I shouldn't wonder a mite if you got your wish right off."

Charles looked suddenly suspicious. "Wish? What wish?" he demanded. "I dunno as I been wishing for anythin' out of the common, have I?"

His wife beamed upon him. "Why yes, Charles—the cars!" she explained briskly. "You wanted them right up to the door, you know, and they're coming; at least right by the gate they say. Susan's husband was telling me; and there's going to be a Town Meeting next Wednesday evening about it. The Suburban line wants to run a branch over to the Point and make a shore resort over there!"

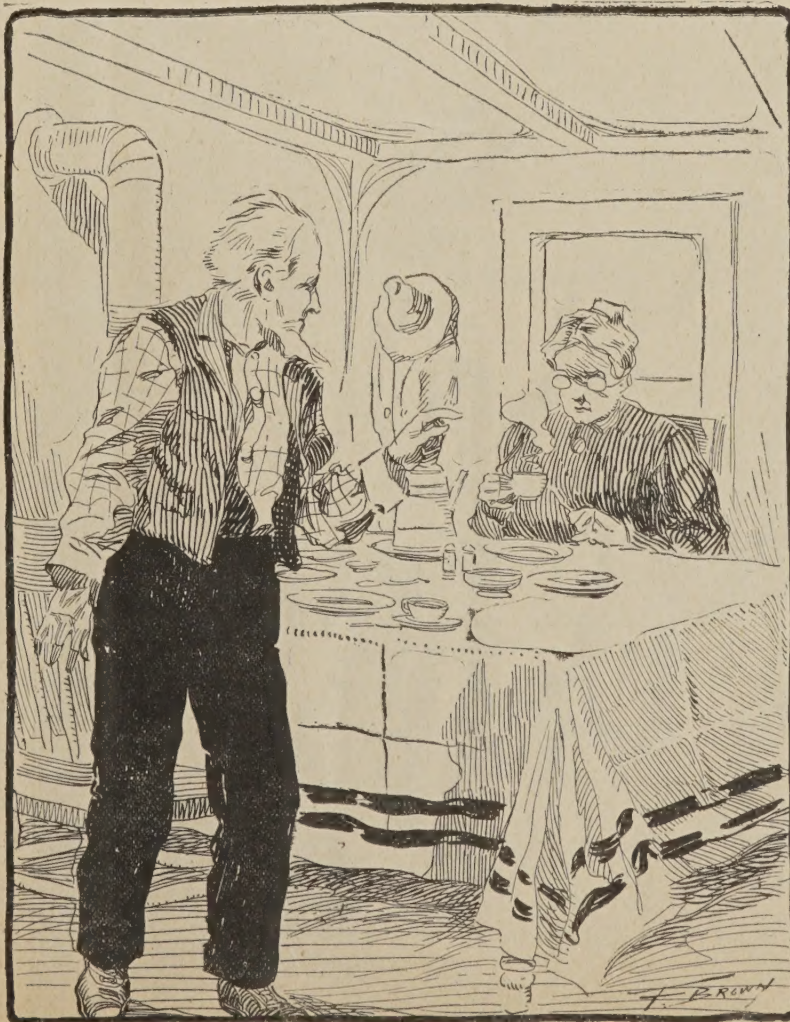
"Cars? a runnin' by my gate?" interrupted Mr. Leonard hotly. "I vum! I won't have it!"

His wife opened her eyes innocently. "Why Charles! Now I thought you'd be real pleased. You said you wanted them."

"Pleased! with 'em scootin' by here, and runnin' over folks before my very eyes?" demanded Mr. Leonard wrathfully. "Why, if one of my cows was to get out, they'd kill her quicker'n a wink! They're inventions of the Evil One, that's what I think. An' want a shore resort, do they? An' like as not a merry-go-round, with all the scamps in the county comin' over to make trouble, I s'pose! They shan't do it. There's shore resorts to spare now. Folks better stay home and tend to their own business—if they've got any. It's mostly them that aint, hanging round shore resorts, far as I see."

"Open up the country? Huh! the country don't want openin' up. I've heard that before, an' about givin' folks a chance at the beauties o' Nature; an' then go a tearin' along so's you can't hardly keep your hat on your head, an' couldn't see the scenery if you was to die for it. An' the first thing you know, out blows a fuse like as not, an' burns the shoes an' stockings right off of folks! I've read about 'em, an' I've rode in 'em too—more'n I want to."

"Yes, an' didn't I go over to 'Lias's awhile ago, with 'em runnin' by his door, a-clangin' an' a-bangin' all day long, an' half the night after it. Never got a wink of sleep a night I was there, till nigh two o'clock; an' a-roarin' by in the mornin', 'fore daylight, fit to wake the dead, an'



"Cars! a runnin by my gate!"

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Flax Culture in America

FLAX culture so far in America has been along primitive lines, for while it is not a fact that the crop exhausts the land, it is true that flax suffers from the presence of a fungus in the soil, which is introduced by means of seed flax. The importance of the flax crop, under successful conditions, can be estimated, for in North Dakota alone the yield of seed was 16,000,000 bushels. The products, beside the seed, are fiber, oil, and pulp, around which are grouped other industries, like bagging factories, tow mills, crash toweling, binder-twine plants, paper-pulp mills, etc.

Flax is an annual, and as it is common for the seed crop to be matured in from two and a half to three months, it can be looked on as a short-season crop, which makes it useful for northern regions. Whether grown for seed or fiber, it is important that the germination should be rapid, and that the drainage of the soil should provide a water supply till the crop is matured. For these reasons great care should be exercised in the preparation of the soil.

For the fiber crop the texture of the upper layers of soil should be such as to give a finely compact surface, well drained, but of sufficiently sandy and loamy nature to allow the first growths of the root system of the young plant to be rapid, and yet it should not be so loose as to cause rapid drying or so compact as to cause baking and cracking. A feature of the greatest importance is that there should be a heavy, rather compact subsoil capable of persistent retention of moisture.

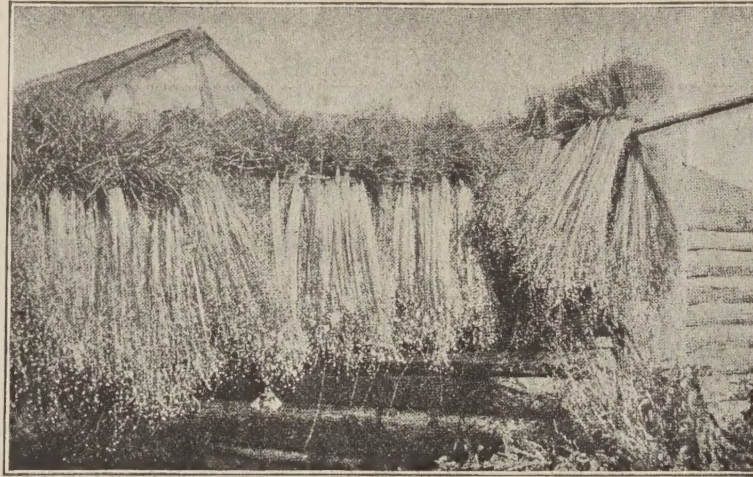
The character of the soil naturally determines the time for working and plowing, but usually fall plowing is apt to give the best results in all those types of soil which tend to become more compact by working. In all cases in which the soils after deep plowing become more thoroughly compact by harrowing or top-working, much harrowing is desirable.

The seed is sown as soon as can be accomplished in the spring, so that the young plants will not be injured by frost. Although seeding by hand, broadcast, is successful in many countries, the best ones are quite the most apt to follow the drill. Regularity of depth in seeding is of the utmost importance with flax, whether planted for oil or for fiber purposes. If the seeds are buried at different depths there is very great irregularity of first growth, resulting in unequal maturing. Where this difference in depth of planting occurs in a field it is evident that a crop of evenly matured seed cannot be harvested. Great care is necessary in this harvesting process, and the essentials are: the seed should be well matured, be harvested dry, and kept dry.

Concerning the fiber, it is everywhere conceded that the pulling of the straw should be done by hand, to avoid stain and injury, which would result from soil moisture soaking into the cut stems while curing in the shock; (2) to secure better curing of the straw and ripening of the seed; (3) to secure straw of full length. Pulled flax commands a price of from \$1 to \$2 per ton more than cut flax.

In European fiber work the seed is always removed by hand, or such simple machinery is used that hand labor is the main element. The attempt is to save the fiber in the small branches upon which the bolls are located. Much care is given to the proper drying of the straw and seed bolls or capsules, so that the work of seed removal may be as easily effected as possible. The crop is sometimes left in small bundles or swaths as pulled, and then dried and stacked. Sometimes it is kiln-dried, or often in peasant districts hung in bunches upon fences or on racks put up for that purpose.

The process of freeing the fiber from the woody and gummy substances, so that it can be easily removed by the processes of breaking and scutching, is known as retting. The work may be done either by chemical means or by the slower process of fermentation or rotting. The retting may be done in water or by a weathering process through exposure to dew, rain, and sun. The latter method is also one essentially of fermentation. The great mass of flax fiber of the world is produced by the natural fermentation method. The



Method used in Russia for drying the flax straw before removing seed

various chemical methods used up to the present time result in bleached fibers, to which the trade is unaccustomed, preferring the raw fiber color.

In Russia the peasants use a combination of shallow pool and dew retting. They commence in the fall as soon as the seed can be removed, wetting the straw once by immersion in some shallow pool for a period of one to three weeks, weighting it down by the use of logs or stones. The straw is then removed direct to some grassy meadow and spread in thin swaths for drying and dew retting. The chief reason for the dark color of the great bulk of the raw fiber produced by the Russian peasantry, is the carelessness with which they carry out these processes.

After it is retted, the straw should be bright, thoroughly dry, and have a rather sweet odor. At Courtrai, Belgium, the straw, after being retted, is dried and stacked and remains in the stacks until the close of the retting season, when the breaking and scutching operations commence. As the wood, skin, or bark parts are harsh and brittle and the fiber elastic and

tough, the straw is broken or crushed in such manner as to cause the wood to drop away from the fiber masses. This process is called breaking. The straw may either be crushed by pounding with mallets or crimped in some sort of breaking machine.

Although the breaking and scutching may be well done by machinery, yet, at best, much hand labor is needed in order to keep the fiber properly bunched, graded, and free from snarls. That which becomes much snarled must be disposed of as tow. The usual machine break in Europe consists of pairs of horizontally placed fluted or corrugated rollers, through which the retted straw is passed endwise. There are usually from six to twelve pairs of such rollers, so adjusted that each pair crimps somewhat more closely and fits more tightly than the preceding pair. Flax breaking machines used in America usually consist of five corrugated rollers, arranged so as to give an interrupted or retrograde movement.

The scutching is done by means of flattened paddles. If done by hand, a bunch of broken fiber is held tightly in one hand, while a glancing stroke is made with a thin, smooth paddle, the process being continued until all of the coarse bits of broken wood are removed.

The scutching process results in cleaning the fiber of all the woody matter, and while this is being accomplished the operator throws the flax into separate piles, according to his judgment of quality. It is then tied into small bundles and finally baled, each bale being supposed to contain fiber of equal quality as to market value. It is baled under pressure into small bundles approximating 200 pounds. The best qualities of fiber are usually encased in covers of coarse gunny sacking, and each bale is marked to indicate its grade or quality before it is allowed to be placed on the market. This is done in the large warerooms by opening the bales sufficiently to draw samples of the fiber.

With regard to the fungous growth, experiments have shown that they are usually introduced into a new soil, by the seed which is sown, and bits of old straw, chaff, and other matter which contain the liv-

ing organisms are also thus distributed in the soil. It was also proved that by proper treatment of the seed by the formaldehyde method it is possible to prevent the occurrence of the diseases, provided the land is not already infected.

It is recommended to growers: Raise your own seed. Practice a long-period series of crop-rotation, in which are included at least two cultivated crops and two or more years in grass and pasture. Avoid using poorly composted barnyard manures which contain flax straw.

After using tools, such as plows or harrows, upon wilt-infected land, do not use the same tools upon other land until they have been properly cleaned.

Treat your seed as follows: Good, bright, plump, yellow, flaxseed is selected and cleaned in a fanning mill, until only heavyweight seeds remain, all bits of chaff, dust, and scaly seeds being blown out. A formaldehyde solution is made to the strength of sixteen ounces of standard formaldehyde to forty gallons of water. The cleaned flaxseed is laid upon canvas or a tight floor in quantities of five to ten bushels, and the seed is gradually moistened by the use of a fine spray thrown from a small force pump while it is being shoveled or raked over. In this manner the flaxseed quickly moistens over its external surface and can be thoroughly dampened without causing it to mat together, the process taking one-half gallon of solution per bushel of dried seed. It is of advantage to cover the pile of seed with canvas or a blanket for a few hours after treatment to keep the exterior of the pile from drying too rapidly. Grain thus treated, when once or twice shoveled over, will readily run through an ordinary drill in two hours after treatment.

Although it is still summer, we will soon begin to think of the long winter evenings that will be here in a few months. How will your time be occupied? Of course you will wish lots of reading, and to supply this, we are making some attractive clubbing and book offers in this issue. Read them carefully and be sure to send us your renewal early. Vick's is bound to please you.



1. Belgian fiber. 2. Russian fiber, 3 and 5. North Dakota fiber

BUELL HAMPTON

A Powerful Tale of the Great Southwest with Love, Surprises and a Mystery

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CHAPTER XXVIII

"THY WILL BE DONE"



FEW days after the country had been devastated by the hot winds, Hugh met Major Hampton on the street.

"Come on," said the major, "I am going over to the Patriot office, and I want to have a talk with you."

"All right," replied Hugh; "financially, I am ruined; and I now have more time on my hands than anything else."

On reaching the major's den he turned to Hugh and said, "I can distinctly see, Mr. Stanton, that there's something on your mind. Perhaps you'd like my advice. If so, you need not be backward."

Hugh laughed good-naturedly, as he puffed a ring of cigar smoke toward the ceiling. "Well," he replied, "bankruptcy stares us in the face. Our bank, in all probability, will have to close its doors. Is not that quite enough to have on one's mind?"

"Quite enough," replied the major, "but there is something else that is worrying you. Come, what is it?"

"I almost believe, Major, that you are a mind-reader," replied Hugh.

"Oh, I am a student," replied the major, "and it would be strange, indeed, if I had not made some progress in all my years of study."

"Well, I will ask you a question," said Hugh. "If something you coveted very much were within your grasp, and you should awaken to find that it really belonged to another—some one whom you believed unworthy of the prize—what would you do?"

The major after deliberating for a moment, replied: "From a selfish standpoint, I would secure for myself that which I coveted; but from an altruistic standpoint, it would be mean, low, and contemptible to take an unfair advantage of one's equals, and much worse to take advantage of one's inferiors. Again, the prize coveted should not be made a football, to toss about for transitory pleasure. One becomes a social outcast when he loves himself better than he loves his neighbor."

The major's reply struck home, and Hugh was noticeably ill at ease. Presently he said, "Major, what is going to become of the Southwest? The crops are all burned up,—our bank securities are worthless. Financially, I am a ruined man."

"Help the poor," replied the major. "Personally I have laid something away that will help me to accomplish charitable purposes toward the army of unfortunates. Next year the crops may be better. I believe it is in my power to put you in a way to retrieve some of your lost fortune, and at the same time enable you to benefit mankind."

"In what way?" asked Hugh, eagerly.

The major hesitated, and then said: "I do not feel at liberty to explain just now, but if I can be of service to you, Stanton, you will find me a true friend. My keenest pleasure is in befriending those in need of help."

"Thank you, Major," replied Hugh, "It's very kind of you, and I shall wait for any suggestions that you may have to offer."

That evening Hugh called at the major's house. He quite forgot his losses in the pleasant conversation

and music, which formed a feature of the evening.

As Hugh was getting ready to bid his host good night, the major said: "Stanton, I am exceedingly glad you came to-night; I feel ennobled,—feel that it is good to live and that my days have been lengthened." It struck Hugh as being an odd remark for the major to make. When he reached his room, he determined to reach a decision in regard to Ethel Horton.

He had now been in Meade a little over a year. His inheritance of fifty thousand dollars had been swept away by the hot winds, and the securities which he held, were practically worthless. The cattlemen were the only people who had not suffered.

Ethel had trusted him to decide a momentous question. If he decided one way, Ethel Horton would become his wife. A voice whispered to him from the night wind, "Do this, and you need not care for the fortune you have lost. Ethel is the only child and heiress to millions."

He enclosed this letter in an envelope and addressed it to Jack Redfield. He then wrote the following:

"MY DEAR ETHEL:—Only God knows how earnestly I have deliberated and prayed over the question which you commissioned me to decide. I feel tonight that the way seems clearer to me. My regard for you remains unchanged, but I will not insist on your becoming my wife. To do this would prove me cowardly, selfish and unjust. The course I have marked out, will, I trust, demonstrate ere long not only that I am unselfish where you are concerned, but also that I am securing a greater happiness for you than you could possibly know if our lives were more closely linked together. Do not think that I have arrived at this conclusion hastily. It has cost me much suffering and many heartaches. You spoke of a calamity,—be patient and wait; an avenue of escape awaits you.

"Affectionately your friend,
"HUGH."

After this letter was written, sealed, and addressed to Ethel Horton, Hugh paced the room, weighing the justice of his conclusion. Yes, he believed he had acted honorably.

He went out and posted his letter to Jack Redfield; then, mounting his horse, he galloped away across the prairie toward Horton's Grove. As he neared the place, he met Mrs. Osborn's turnout, and he noticed, as it passed him, that Lord Avondale accompanied her. He was fortunate in meeting one of the servants. After securing her promise that the letter would be delivered at once to Miss Ethel, he dropped a coin into her hand and was soon riding homeward.

When Ethel had broken the seal and read Hugh's letter, no tears came to her eyes. "He has no use for the worm-eaten rose," said she to herself, "that's what his letter means. Oh, Hugh, my fancied tower of strength,—you, too, are crumbling. The environments are closing around me. I presume resistance is almost useless."

Mrs. J. Bruce-Horton was looking out of her window and recognized Hugh Stanton as he came up the path. She surmised that he had brought some communication for Ethel, and she determined to make sure before retiring. She rapped at Ethel's door, and, without further announcement, made her appearance in her daughter's room.

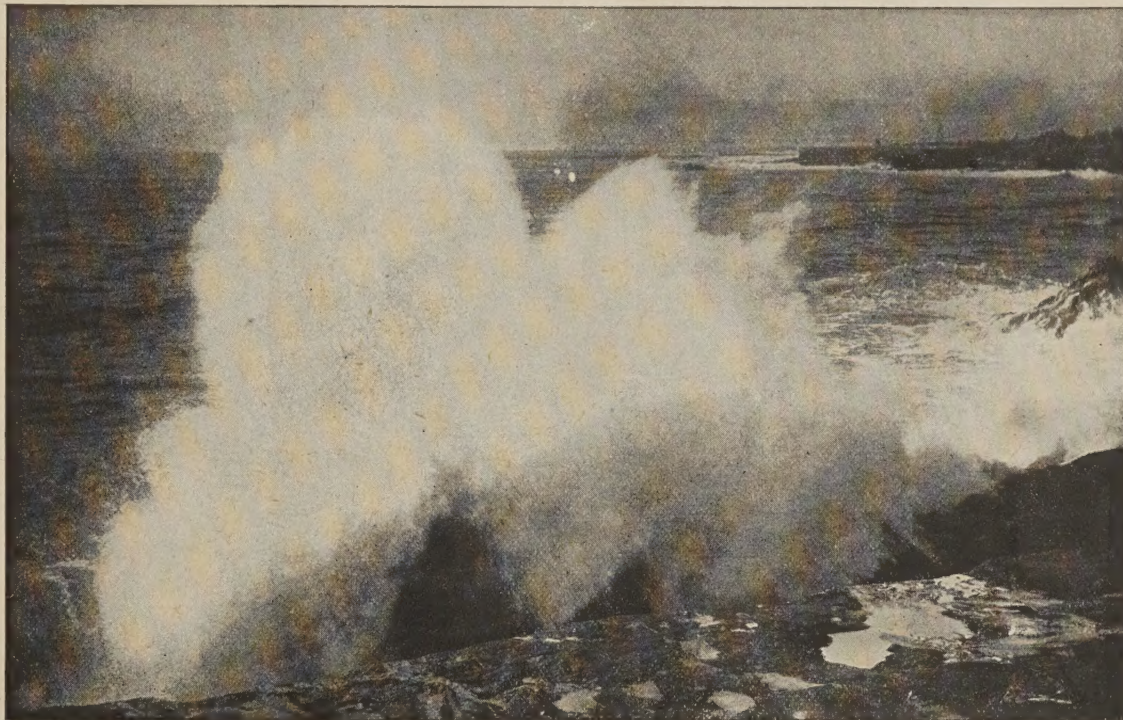
"Why aren't you in bed, Ethel?" she asked, stroking the girl's heavy tresses affectionately. "I fear you are not getting sufficient sleep. You look pale, and there are dark circles under your eyes."

She seemed listless and indifferent, as her mother went on. She spoke, in an incidental way at first and then with enthusiasm of Lord Avondale, and told Ethel how madly in love with her he was.

"Mamma, mamma, please don't!" cried Ethel, burying her face in her hands.

"Come, Ethel, you must be sensible about this. You should have confidence in my judgment. It is for your good,—really it is."

After a time, Ethel looked up at her mother. Her hot cheeks had dried the tears. Her voice sounded strangely harsh, as she said, "Very well, mamma, make yourself easy; I will do as you wish." There was a sad smile of resignation on the face of the girl as she spoke. She permitted her mother to take her in her



The Loom of the Sea—By Mary H. Coates

Throbbing and rumbling by day and by night, Pulses the ponderous loom of the Sea; Landward and seaward, to left and to right, Races its shuttles in tireless glee.	Twirling the waters to milk-white foam, Weaving frail fabrics as fluffy as down; Fashioning laces in dimple and dome,— Spangles to broider a seaqueen's gown.	Fairest of all from the loom of the brine,— Web and perfume of the salt-sweet tude, Shimmer the folds whereon lilies entwine, Garland and veil for a seagod's bride.
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"No," shouted Hugh, vehemently, starting up as if combating with the tempter, "no, that is a contemptible, cowardly thought." Conscience pricked him to a decision, and he fairly shouted, "Never, never, so long as my soul is in partnership with God." His clenched fist struck the table. His victory was complete.

Seating himself at his desk, he hastily wrote the following letter:

"MY DEAR JACK:—About a year ago I called on you and said good-bye. Forgive me for not writing before. Jack, this letter must determine whether I ever again address you as a friend. I have met Ethel Horton, and have learned—God knows the price of the wisdom—that her heart is wholly yours. Why have you trampled upon it? If you are an honorable man, as I have ever believed you to be, answer her letter, or, better still, come to me at once. I regard her as one of the noblest girls in the wide, wide world. If the love which you whispered to her at Lake Geneva was not sincere, then I am no longer your friend, but shall ever remain your enemy.

"Awaiting an answer, I am
"Your friend,
"HUGH STANTON."

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Holland and Her People

By the Editor

THE MOST delightful way to enter Europe is by the doorway of Holland, and not only is it the most agreeable way, but the most practical. From the first moment that you catch sight of land you are on the alert, and no single day of your whole trip will live more delightfully in your mind than the sail up the river Scheldt on your way to Antwerp, taking it for granted that we land there. The banks of the river are high, and if you are in luck you may see some Dutch girls walking along them, looking as if fresh from a picture with their gay colored dresses, snowy caps and curious headdress.

Behind the banks spreads out the wonderful country, fresh, green, spick and span, every leaf of every tree looking newly washed, every roof of every house seemingly just painted red, flowers everywhere, but so few people about that you wonder who does the work, and when. Another thing that strikes your notice as soon as you see Holland is the prevalence everywhere of the black and white cow, and the entire absence of the plain red cow which is such a familiar figure all over our country.

Once landed on the splendid quays at Antwerp, you draw a long breath of delight for everything is so different that you almost feel as if you had waked up in Fairyland. All the people look foreign, the signs on the shops speak another language from that with which you are familiar. The sight of dogs as beasts of burden, dragging carts of considerable size looks odd enough, and when at the sound of sweet, clear bells you raise your eyes, the spire of Antwerp cathedral lifts

gathered the most splendid works of art from all over the Netherlands. It has fine streets seldom profaned by the presence of any horses, and it has rows of picturesque houses with pointed fronts facing on the canals. It has a beautiful Zoological Garden, where you may sit for hours watching the brightly colored

birds swinging in their gilded rings among the trees, or at the strange animals so comfortably housed.

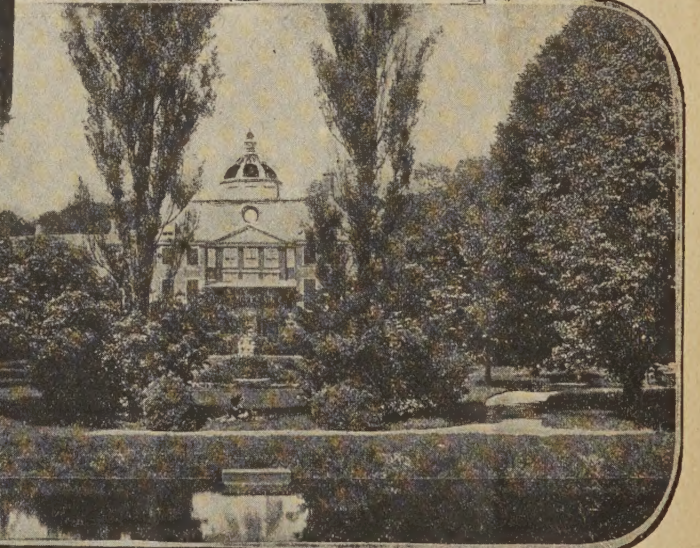
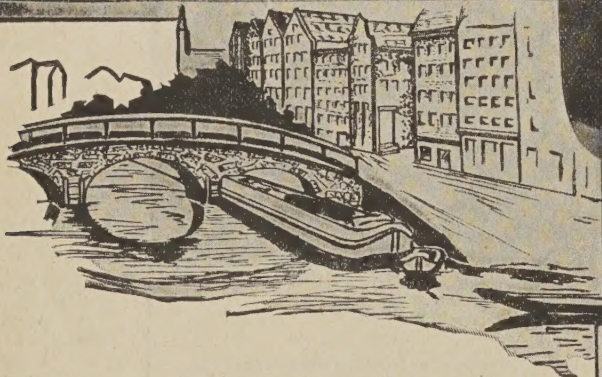
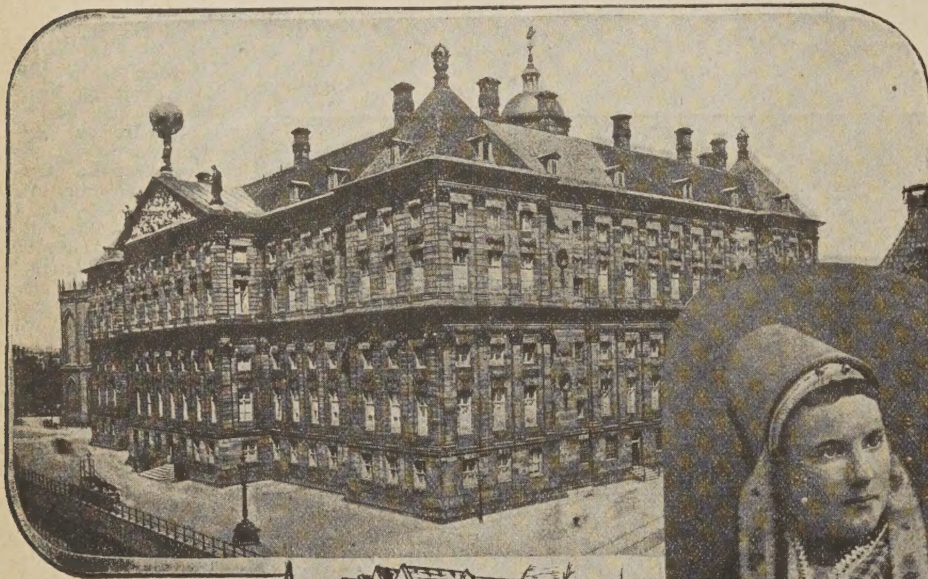
The great interest the Zoo had for me was the concourse of people always moving through it. It was as gay as a fair, and here came people not only from Holland, but from all over the world, to wonder and to admire, to walk about under the trees and to pass on and give place to others no less interesting. There are fine public buildings at Amsterdam, one, the King's palace, filled with splendid furniture, pictures and rich carvings, really a regal abode. In the Queen's room which was quite a miracle of dainty furnishing, stood for comforts' sake a great castiron stove, and on its front I read with amusement, "Detroit Crown Jewel"!

A never ending source of pleasure was the canal system. True, the water was sluggish and not particularly clean looking, but boats were passing every moment, and on them were brought into the city all the produce from the surrounding country, fish from the sea, plants and pottery, and goodness knows what beside. They were poled along, nearly all the boats were painted some gay color, and the whole scene was so animated and so changeful that it seemed like a constant succession of pictures, and one longed to paint it. Never for even a day does the Dutch owner of one of these craft permit it to become soiled or unclean, and he

polishes metal and paint, till it shines like the silver ornaments of his wife. On many of these boats the whole family including the children and dogs live. Seldom will you find a Dutch woman without her flowers, and if there is little room she will have only a pot or two of blooming plants, but if her windows permit, she will have quite a garden, even if it is tiny. There is an air of contentment and plenty on these boats which is expanded on the shore, where every inch of the land wrested from the sea is under cultivation, where arbors and porches are flower decked and vine covered, where the great brass door knockers and the gilded weather vanes reflect back the brilliant gleams of the sun.

Fortunately for the traveler the people hold stubbornly to their ancient customs and costumes. Their individuality is so strong and has been so crystalized, that they do not easily give up to any of the

Royal Palace, Amsterdam



The Palace in the Wood, The Hague

its delicate outline against the sky, as it did in the days when the great Napoleon compared it to point lace.

Your first night on shore will be a broken one, for the ringing of the chimes every quarter of an hour will keep you waking, and the strange noises, the many dogs barking or rattling their chains in the iron houses in which they are kept in the yards, will fill your mind with wonder till you discover what it all is about.

I am not going to speak about the splendid picture galleries, nor the examples of the great painter Rubens of which the Antwerp people are so proud, but just of those minor details which live in the traveler's mind. Sitting on a bench in one of the small parks we bought from a young woman some handfuls of cherries, great, red, luscious fruit, so sweet and delicious that I never have forgotten their delightful flavor. Indeed all through Holland, at the railway stations, in the parks, streets, everywhere, you can buy delightful fruit, nearly a meal in itself, for a copper coin of some small denomination.

In the large parks, like the Crystal Palace Garden at Amsterdam, there are fine concerts in the open air in the evening, and all the world and his wife comes to listen to them; girls from the island of Marken with their quaint black gowns made very full as to skirt, and with sleeves but to the elbow, showing arms hard and red from much work in the sun; women from little towns out in the country, wearing golden ornaments scores of years old, handed down from mother to daughter, and with strange old cape bonnets, mounted on top of the snowy lace caps which are also heirlooms. Occasionally you will see one of the orphan girls, with her black gown and scarlet sleeve showing that she is a ward of the state and under its protection. No levity of conduct is permitted on her part, nor may any man do ought but treat her with respect, for if he does he must reckon with the authorities, and he will not get off easily either. When the girl marries she has a small sum of money given her, by the state too, and these orphan girls are eagerly sought by the thrifty sons of Holland as wives.

Amsterdam has a charm all its own, it is full of life and color. It has one of the finest picture galleries in the world, the Rijks museum, into which has been

three great nations which so closely encroach on them. They cling to their own style of architecture, and on their broad chimneys the storks still build their nests. In the region called the Rhineland, through which runs what remains of the Old Rhine chained down into an exit to the sea cut by the Dutchman themselves, and lined with granite and barred with steel, bloom such hyacinths and tulips that you hold your breath and marvel. Great patches of scarlet creep over the yellow sand dunes, waving in the breezes, and growing perfect bulbs which may perhaps bloom in our gardens over here the following year.

The housewife has a tulip carved on the handle of her churn, she has them worked on her stockings, darned into her quilts, and painted on her pottery and woven in her lace. No Dutchwoman is without some bits of the latter to ornament her best cap, for most of the women, of at least the working class, conceals her smoothly plaited hair beneath a cap. When little Queen Wilhelmina had her portrait taken with a curly bang upon her forehead the commotion it raised among her people was immense, they wished to see it smooth, and not so mussy, and oh, what an example to set to the young Dutch girls!

To see Holland and her people at their best and gayest one should go to the old fishing village of Scheveningen, near The Hague. Here truly you feel as if you were but a figure in a picture. At evening the beach is lined with the fleet of fishing boats, each with its number painted on the side in large figures. Here,

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In Search of the King

By Fannie M. Pendleton

Araminta sat on the fence in front of the poorhouse. The warm June sun beat down upon her yellow head, the drowsy hum of bees in a neighboring clover field filled the air, but all the glamour of fairyland might have been about her and still have passed unnoticed. From time to time, she wiped her eyes on the blue gingham garment that served for both dress and apron.

Down the long, dusty stretch of road came half a dozen small boys with fishing poles over their shoulders and bait cans in their hands. They paused at sight of Araminta, and the boy with the snub nose pointed at her with a grimy finger.

"Crybaby! Crybaby! Gone to the poorhouse!" he sang tauntingly. An interested chorus took up the refrain. "Her father was put in a hole in the ground," chanted another small inquisitor. Araminta's thin little fists clenched in helpless rage, but the boys were already moving on. "A hole in the ground," floated back to her from around a turn in the road.

"I hate you, Oh I hate you," she shrieked wildly, then throwing herself off the wall, she buried her hot face deep down in the thick grass and sobbed as though her heart would break.

"Araminta!" The child lifted a tearstained face and listened. A small figure in a white flannel suit was visible over the tops of the tall grass.

"Say don't feel bad. I didn't do it. Here, take this," and a candy kiss, much the worse for association with a not over clean trousers' pocket, was poked into her hand. Two blue eyes above a freckled nose regarded her anxiously.

"Go 'way," she said rudely, "I hate boys." The boy sat down. "Let me stay?" he entreated, "I told 'em I was goin' home."

Araminta looked at him steadily. "I'm going away from here," she remarked loftily.

"But you can't," interrupted the boy, "You ain't got no—"

"Oh, yes I have," with deep disdain, "That's all you know about it. I'm a princess and my father—" she choked a moment over the familiar word—"my grandfather is a king and lives in a castle in the woods, and when I get there I shall wear purple velvet dresses and eat ice cream every day."

The blue eyes were very big now, and the small voice had a hushed tone as it inquired, "When you 'goin' t' start?"

"Tonight," announced Araminta impressively.

"Araminta-a!" It was the matron's voice, and the child jumped to her feet.

"Goodbye," she said hurriedly, "I'll write when I get to the king's."

"What if," she mused as she hurried toward the kitchen, "What if it was really true. There must be a king somewhere, if I can only find him. I'm a 'going to try."

All was quiet, and even the weary matron had sought the land of dreams, when a little, white-robed figure stole softly out into the June night. She paused to put on her shoes and stockings, then struck off bravely across the fields. "Never mind," she murmured, lifting her trailing night gown so that she could walk more easily, "when I get to the King's, there will be the purple velvet."

As she neared the woods, the voices of the night half startled her. It seemed as though all the wild creatures were awake and calling.

"It is the fairies," she quavered bravely, "just the fairies telling me which way to go."

The way which was so familiar to every child in the neighborhood was entirely strange to her, for her home had been in a distant town.

The shadows frightened her a little. She remembered the stories she had heard of knomes and elves and sprites and of the tricks they played. Still they always helped a good child. Would they help her? It was so hard to be a good child always.

The leaves rustled, and once the voice of a bullfrog brought her heart into her throat. She tripped over a log and hurt her knee. A little sob rose in her throat.

It was a long journey to the king. The woods were less dense now, and the moonlight where it filtered through the treetops made bigger patches on the ground. At last she came to a clearing, and there, a mile away it seemed to her weary feet, and in the midst of beautifully kept lawns, stood a stately gray stone house.

"It is true after all," she sighed in great relief. She had not been quite sure before, but now she did not for one moment doubt that this was the castle of the king. The door stood open, and Araminta walked right in. There was no one in sight, not even a page.

Up the broad stairs she went, her tired, muddy feet sinking deep into the soft carpets at every step. She saw an open door and paused to look in. Her head felt strangely hot and dizzy, and she leaned against the wall for support.

In a low chair before an old fashioned chest, sat a lady with snowy hair. The chest was open, and Araminta saw that it was filled with the clothes of a child—a little lavender-scented heap. The old lady held a tiny shoe in her hand and gazed fondly at the little stubbed toe. Her face was very sad, and the big tears were rolling down her cheeks.

Araminta wished to stay and comfort her, but her head ached and she felt she should find the king as soon as possible. She stumbled blindly down the hall.

Here he was at last! To be sure he wore no crown, but the lamplight made a halo of his silver hair. He sat reading and his back was toward the door. The pathetic bedraggled, little figure did not hesitate a moment.

"Please, sir, are you the king?" The old gentleman turned and looked at her over his spectacles in utter amazement. "Why bless my soul," he cried, "what's this!" Araminta never faltered.

"I think you must be the king," she said "you do not look at all like the ogre." There was a rustle of silk, and the old lady was standing in the doorway.

Afterward, Araminta had a vague memory of two kind faces to whom she told her story, and she wondered dreamily why they had tears in their eyes.

The Angora Goat

Angora goats are now attracting much attention in many parts of the country and particularly from owners of rough, brushy land due to the ability of the goats to readily clear and reclaim such tracts and thus materially enhance their value.

Mohair, the fleece of the Angora, is in greater demand than for a number of years and much higher prices are prevailing in the Eastern markets than for several seasons. New mohair mills are in operation and greater competition is now shown in the purchase of the domestic clip. The importations of foreign mohair this year to supply the deficiency in the home production promises to exceed the 2,625,575 pounds imported from Turkey and South Africa in 1906.

Many American clips have commanded from thirty-four cents to forty-two cents per pound this season, many of the female animals of these flocks shearing five pounds and the males eight to fifteen pounds.

For several years the United States Department of Agriculture has been advocating Angora husbandry as a very promising animal industry for this country. A recently issued bulletin from this Department entitled "Information Concerning the Angora Goat" should be in the hands of every owner of rough pasture or range land. The book may be had free of charge through Congressmen or Senators. It is illustrated and full of information of interest and value to one investigating this promising live stock industry.

The American Angora Goat Breeders' Association—the national organization of breeders of Angora goats—also has interesting literature relative to Angora husbandry, it will be pleased to send to any one forwarding his or her address to Secretary John W. Fulton, Helena, Montana.

Numerous exhibits of Angora goats will be held at the Agricultural and Live Stock Fairs throughout the country this Fall. At the Annual National Angora Goat Exhibit to be held at Kansas City in October over \$800.00 is offered in premiums, being, with the exception of the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904, the largest amount ever offered at an Angora goat show.

Prizes aggregating \$600.00 will be offered on Angora goats at the San Antonio Texas Fair this year, and a larger appropriation than ever before made, has been provided for Angora classes at the Oregon State Fair.

Liberal appropriations for premiums assure interesting exhibits of Angora goats at the following additional Fairs this Fall:—

Ohio State Fair, Columbus, Ohio; West Virginia Exposition and State Fair, Wheeling, W. Va.; State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Texas; California State Fair, Sacramento, Cali.; Utah State Fair, Salt Lake City, U.; Wisconsin State Fair, Madison, Wisconsin; North Carolina State Fair, Raleigh, N. C.; Georgia State Fair, Atlanta, Ga.; Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, Mo.; Inter State Fair, Trenton, N. J.; Michigan State Fair, Detroit, Mich.; Spokane Inter State Fair, Spokane, Wash.; Kentucky State Fair, Louisville, Ky.; Inter State Fair, Lynchburg, Va.; South Dakota State Fair, Huron, S. D.; Montana State Fair, Helena, Montana; Snohomish County Fair, Everett, Wash.; Walworth County Fair, Elkhorn, Wis.; Scio Stock Agricultural Fair, Scio, Oregon.

The American Angora Goat Breeders' Association offers a handsome Cup for the best Exhibitors' Flock of Registered Angora goats, consisting of one buck any age, one doe two years old or over, one doe one year old and under two and one doe kid under one year old, exhibited at any State, County or other Fair in the United States this year.

Oregon is credited with having the second largest number of Angora goats of any state, ranking next to Texas in this industry. The proceedings of the meeting of Angora goat breeders held at Dallas, Oregon last Winter and also an account of the Eighth Annual Angora Goat Show held at the same time and place, have been published by the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association in book form for free distribution. It is illustrated with pictures of prize winning Oregon Angoras and is a publication that will interest all goat men and too, all investigating this industry. Address John W. Fulton, Secretary, Helena, Montana.

Angora goats are being used in Western New York to clean some of the islands in Lake Ontario of brush, and the experiment of wintering them in this climate will be watched with interest. There are already a few small herds in New York State, which are kept more for their fleeces than for breeding purposes. These have done so far extremely well, and one owner, a boy of fifteen, not only won prizes with his "trio," but made a very handsome profit from his fleeces.



By Elizabeth Gould

"Who knows the way to Slumber Land?"
She holds a poppy in her hand,
All ready now to go.
She wants to see the little sheep
That wait the waking of Bo Peep,
While gentle breezes blow.

The clover heads that nod at her,
The distant mill-wheels drowsy whirl!
Perhaps might tell the way.
The far-off cow-bells tinkle "Come,"
But close at hand she hears the hum
Of bees that seem to say

"Stay here! Stay here!" and who can tell
Whether to trust a tinkling bell
Or listen to the bees?
Who holds the secret of the road?
The poppy, or the wrinkled toad?
The clover or the breeze?

Suddenly the child swayed slightly. There was a strange humming in her ears, the room seemed to whirl, and she fell forward into the king's arms.

When she opened her eyes, she was lying in a dainty white bed, and the old lady, sitting beside her, was saying softly,

"Oh, John, and this day of all the year."
Araminta was puzzled. This lady could not be the queen. Kings sometimes had gray hair, but the queens in the pictures always wore long yellow braids and golden girdles. She could not help feeling that the old lady was much nicer than a queen, but who was she?

Then it all came to her and she stretched out both her arms.

"Oh, I know you now," she cried joyfully, "You are the Fairy Godmother!"

Proverbs Concerning Women

DANISH

A truth-telling woman finds few friends.
An ill-tempered woman is the devil's door nail.
Judge a maiden at the kneading pan, not at the dance.
Give your wife the short knife, keep the long one yourself.
A bad wife likes to see her husband's heels turned to the door.
He who marries a widow with three children marries four thieves.
One hair of a maiden's head pulls harder than ten yoke of oxen.



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The Perennial Delphiniums

By Florence Beckwith

In variety and beauty of coloring, stateliness of growth, ease of culture and hardiness, no plants can surpass the perennial Delphiniums, or larkspurs. After the wealth of blossoms in June there is a time of scarcity of blooming plants in the garden, but early in July come the Delphiniums, the grandest of all the blue flowers. No matter how small a garden may be, it should have at least one clump of the tall, stately, picturesque Delphiniums. Planted in clumps or masses they are exceedingly effective and can be seen from a long distance. They are very beautiful when seen alone among rich, dark foliage; they form a charming contrast when planted near clumps of white lilies which bloom at the same time, and have the boldest, grandest imaginable effect in close proximity to the rich color of the orange lily (*Lilium croceum*.)

The Delphiniums will succeed in almost any garden soil, but they love best a strong, rich loam, one rather damp than dry, with plenty of nourishment. In preparing a bed, spade deeply and give a liberal allowance of manure. They will grow in a hot, dry location if well manured and watered, but in a strong soil they flourish grandly, sometimes producing flower spikes two feet long.

In color the perennial larkspurs range from white and lavender up through every conceivable shade of blue to the deepest indigo. There are also red and yellow varieties, but the blue ones are the prime favorites and most deservedly popular.

There are both single, semi-double and perfectly double varieties. Some of the latter are very beautiful, but in them the characteristic shape of the flower is lost, the spur being almost or quite obliterated and the blossom becoming more rosette-like, and more resembling the double annual varieties. The double blossoms often combine two colors and the shadings in them are exquisite, a pale blue flower with delicate pink center being perfectly lovely.

Delphiniums can be grown from seed, and it is very interesting to watch what kind of blossoms the plants will produce. As they come into flower worthless ones can be discarded. The spikes should be well-filled, but not so crowded that the shape of the individual flower is obscured. Should one produce an interrupted spike that is a spike having some flowers below, then a bare interval with more flowers above, it should not be tolerated.

The bumblebees have a particular liking for the perennial larkspurs and in their visits carry the pollen so from flower to flower that it is impossible to obtain pure seed from any variety unless the blossoms are covered in such a way as to exclude the bees.

Plants can also be propagated from cuttings from the stem, by root division and root cuttings. Roots can be obtained from dealers in the fall, and that is a very good time to set them out.

Some varieties of Delphiniums flower early and others late, so a succession of bloom for several weeks can be secured. The season for all can be prolonged by cutting back the flowering stalks as soon as the blossoms have withered, and then giving the plant a liberal application of liquid manure or other fertilizer to promote new growth. In a hot summer, mulching and thorough watering will tend to produce finer spikes of bloom. The roots should be divided and reset about once in three years. When winter sets in, a light covering of coarse manure should be given the plants.

Delphinium *Formosum* is one of the most popular sorts; the flowers are a deep blue with a white eye.

Delphinium *Belladonna* is a beautiful light turquoise blue. The plant makes rather a weak growth and should be supported in an inconspicuous way. It is an almost continuous bloomer from June until hard frosts. It is best propagated by root cuttings.

Delphinium *chinese* produces both light and dark blue flowers. Delphiniums *sulphureum* and Delphinium *Zalil* have yellow blossoms and Delphinium *nudicaule* has scarlet flowers. The hardy Delphiniums, particularly the blue varieties, are the glory of the July garden and form one of its most indispensable features.

Caladium Bulbs Through the Winter

By Lester R. Melick

As a matter of fact most people who grow Caladiums for pleasure and lawn decoration think it a rather difficult task to keep the bulbs from decaying through the winter. They think that such a place as potatoes will keep in, or a damp cellar, where it sometimes freezes, is good enough to store bulbs in.

Those who follow this rule generally find in the spring, a mass of decayed bulbs, instead of fine bright tubers with buds ready to start as soon as planted,



The Delphinium

consequently they are compelled to buy new bulbs every season. This is an expenditure of money almost, as you might say, for nothing, as actual experience has taught that the keeping is not such a very hard task. All there is needful is a little patience and knowing how.

Caladiums contain a large percentage of watery substance and are therefore liable to decay; this makes them a trifle harder to keep than some other kinds of bulbs. The real aim is to have them well cured, that is, ripe and dry, before they are put in their winter quarters.

To accomplish this, it is better not to dig the bulbs until after several light frosts have killed the leaves and stalks; this helps to ripen the bulbs better.

After digging, crack the bulbs apart. If the ground is rather wet when they are dug, the dirt will more or less adhere to them; this should be knocked off. Some prefer leaving the stalks on a few days after digging, but this is not necessary, in fact, it is better to cut them off as soon as dug, as this will help the bulb to dry quicker.

If boards are plentiful around the place, as they sometimes are, place them on the ground side by side, to make a floor; on this the bulbs should be placed to dry. They should be in a situation where plenty of air can circulate and where they will get a little sunshine. The sun in autumn is sometimes very hot,

and leaving bulbs too much exposed to it is injurious, as it tends to dry them too fast and causes them to shrivel, thus hurting the vitality of the bulb, as well as spoiling the appearance.

To thoroughly dry caladium bulbs they should be left out of doors for about a week, or until the short stalks left on them and the roots are all dried up. The roots then should be pulled off, also the small bulbets. If these bulbets are left on they are liable to get cracked off either in the storing away or afterwards and decay is liable to start where severed from the main bulb. Of course when they are stored away there is not air enough in such a place to quickly dry the wounds. To keep them from decaying the wounds should be dried quickly.

The next step is the storing. People living in suburban towns, as a rule, have no out houses that have heat in them during the winter. In this case they should select a place, such as a pantry, or a dry cellar with a furnace in, as a cellar without some sort of a heating apparatus will be more or less damp and unfit for bulbs. But in the country, generally, an out house with heat in it is to be had and such a place is preferable to any other, as it is apt to be dryer. Caladiums keep well in a temperature of about forty-five degrees F.

Procure small cloth flour bags, if there are not too many bulbs to be stored, or a box—the latter way is not as good as the former—in the bags the bulbs can get more air, but if space is to be considered and you have more bulbs than will fill one or two bags, the bags will take more room than a box.

A twenty-four and one-half pound size flour bag will hold about sixteen to eighteen good sized Caladium bulbs; in a box you can get a few more in the same space that the bags will take, but as previously stated, where only a few are to be kept, the room the bags will occupy will not make any material difference. In either, oats or buckwheat chaff should be put and the bulbs laid in this so that they will not touch each other.

In the country, oats and buckwheat are generally raised, chaff is therefore plentiful; but in the city, chaff or dry shavings, which will answer just as well, can be purchased of any local grain dealer. A cheaper method for the city person is to use dry leaves, which are always plentiful on the lawn in the fall.

Dry sand may also be used, but practically speaking it is not as good as the chaff; in the first place it is hard to get sand thoroughly dry and secondly, if it is dry when first used, it will, after a time, collect more or less moisture; this will cause the bulbs that are stored in it to start growing. This growth helps to use up the vitality of the bulb, which will be needed to start the plant, when set out in the spring.

Some of the Less Known Bulbs

By Amelia H. Botsford

When the fall catalogues arrive, and the flower-lover plans for the beauty of a spring garden, she is apt unconsciously to take for granted that tulips, crocuses, daffodils and hyacinths are all the bulbous plants of value. These four families are, indeed, the most important, and some of each should be secured; plant as liberally of them as purse and garden space will admit. But there are other bulbs well worth attention though so little grown that many a cultivator of plants has never had the pleasure of seeing them in bloom. I refer to some of the smaller hardy bulbs.

These have at least one point in their favor, they are not so apt to "run out" as the charming tulips and hyacinths. Many a person has planted a bed of tulips expecting it to be a delight for years, only to find that in a year or two, or three at most, little but leaves remained; and hyacinths are even surer to disappear than the tulips. Of course, the way to avoid this disappointment is to take up the bulbs after flowering, and replant in the fall, but this is unfortunately often forgotten or neglected. The bulbs now to be described may be left in the ground indefinitely; they will do well without attention, and some of them increase rapidly, and are suitable for naturalizing in wild places. Besides, though the individual flowers are not so large and handsome as the tulips or daffodils, in

the mass, which is the proper way to plant them, they produce a fine effect.

Last February, the narrow bed between the walk and the south side of the porch showed a sprinkling of yellow stars set in a curious frill of green. Few if any of the passers-by knew what brave little flower it was making its appearance long before crocus or snow drop. In trying to cut some one morning for an inquiring visitor, it was found that, below the surface inch of soil thawed by the winter sun the ground was frozen solid around the roots or rather bulb. It was many years before that the original group of *Eranthis*

grown as enticing to the imagination as the vaunted novelties? Surely they are to some minds. And the *Fritillaries* bloom in English river meadows and in the poems of Matthew Arnold they bloom again for the American reader.

"I know what white, what purple fritillaries
The grassy harvest of the river-fields,"

Strange things they are with checkered and splashed flowers in white, purple, cream and maroon, etc. A beautiful sort has been introduced from California which bears scarlet blooms and must be very handsome. All of the *Fritillaries* may be used for naturalizing. The old-fashioned Crown Imperial once seen very commonly in gardens is really a *Fritillaria* (*Fritillaria imperialis*) though those who remember it in the gardens of their childhood scarcely recognize it under this name. It is a stately plant more showy than most of the blooms from early bulbs.

Besides those already mentioned there are the *Alliums* as easily raised as onions to which family they indeed belong, being glorified members: aureum, Golden Lily Leek, and azureum, bearing an umbel of azure blue flowers, are at least worth a small place in the bulb beds.

Triteleia uniflora or spring Star Flower, will give abundance of bloom for several weeks if planted in quantity; this is well adapted to form a low edging around beds of higher growing plants. It increases so that a border may be made by planting

single bulbs two or three inches apart and in time the ranks will be filled up into a thick mass.

There are still other little known bulbs which would delight the experimenter but the best thing to do is to reserve some space from the claims of the old favorites and this fall try for one's self something different. Let next spring show some new comers in the garden ranks, whether these described or other worthies chosen from the many beautiful things the bulbs offer us.

Narcissus Poeticus

By Florence Beckwith

Varieties of the narcissus or daffodil are becoming almost limitless in numbers. Three hundred or more are catalogued by dealers, and new hybrids are constantly being introduced. Yet, though all are lovely and almost irresistibly fascinating as they grow in the garden or are pictured in the monographs and catalogues, still, we have our favorites, and they are not always the newest introductions, but some old-time varieties which memory and association, combined with attractive form and pleasing fragrance, have rendered dear.

Narcissus poeticus is one of the old-time sorts, beautiful, fragrant, and rarely failing to bloom when given half a chance. The snow-white corolla and dainty, cream-colored cup delicately edged with red make a charming combination, to which is added a delightful fragrance. In the garden the blossoms make a beautiful picture which lingers in the mind long after the reality has faded from our sight, and the cut flowers tastefully arranged in a vase charmingly light up the living room. Since the earliest times poets have hailed it as the most beautiful flower of spring, and for this reason Linnaeus gave it the name of poeticus, or poet's narcissus. The dainty red rim to the cup has given it the common name of pheasant's eye.

Though they tempt us sorely with their beauty, many lovely varieties of narcissus will not flourish in our climate, but, though some fail, there are plenty which will grow, and *N. poeticus* can be depended upon to flourish in almost any good soil, and to blossom every year, lending beauty to the garden in April and May. It does not, however, like a sandy soil, or a clayey one, and good drainage is very essential.

While it can be recommended for growing in grass and in rock gardens, *N. poeticus* is much more effective when planted in masses. The ground should be deeply spaded. Some well-rotted manure can be used in the bottom of the excavation, but none should be allowed to touch the bulbs, which should be planted from four to six inches deep and about six inches apart. The best location is in some part of the garden where they can be left undisturbed for years, when they will form large clumps which can be allowed to remain until they show signs of deterioration or exhaustion. Along walks they make a beautiful border. When planted in beds, low-growing annuals can be sown among them, and *Phlox subulata*, or moss pink, makes a pretty carpet for the ground, above which the narcissus blossoms show beautifully. If planted in sod, it should be where the grass does not need to be cut before the leaves die, as the buds do not mature well if the foliage is injured. The leaves

should be allowed to ripen and die naturally. The bulbs should be planted in the fall; October is the best time.

For floral decoration the buds should be picked just as they are opening. Under such circumstances they will remain fresh much longer. When the blossoms are desired for sending away, if picked before they are fully opened they will reach their destination in better condition, and will open out perfectly when placed in water.

It is no wonder that the narcissi are favorites, for they breathe the fragrance of springtime, and furnish a vision of bright colors shimmering in the light and truly dancing in the wind. Their hardiness and persistence in growing and flourishing even under adverse conditions, are also qualities which commend them to popular favor. You will scarcely find an old-time garden without clumps which have grown for years with almost no care, and yet reward their possessors with beautiful blossoms every season. Such a one is shown in our illustration.

Dainty Floral Cups

In that vast tract of land, extending from the eastern slope of the Rockies to the Pacific, a beautiful flower may be found which rivals the Orchid in delicacy and variety of coloring. The three parted corolla is borne on a stem, a foot to two feet high, and the flowers are of every shade, from white to cream and buff, lilac to purple, pink, salmon and flesh color; some are splashed with red on a white ground, others are penciled with a contrasting color and one variety found in the desert, is a deep glowing crimson. The name of this bulbous plant is *Calochortus*, a Greek word signifying beautiful cups. The Mexicans call it, "Las Mariposas," from which is derived the most common name, Mariposa lily. This is varied a little in different localities, as in California it is called the butterfly tulip or Mariposa tulip, because of a mark at the base of the petals as in a tulip or the eye on a butterfly's wing. The common name for *Calochortus Nuttii*, is the Segó lily. It is an edible sort and played an important part in sustaining life during the early history of the state of Utah, when the country was first settled by the Mormons. It has a cup of dazzling whiteness, eyed and penciled in the center with rich maroon. In choosing it as their state flower, the people prove they possess a grateful memory as well as an artistic sense of beauty.

In the south from Santa Catalina island to San Diego, the beautiful lilac Mariposa (*C. splendens*) blooms in the late spring and is counted among the choicest blossoms in that land of beautiful flowers. Another species near San Diego has orange cups. Each cup is covered with silky hairs, with a dark maroon spot at the base of each petal. One of the same name, near Pasadena, has flowers of a lavender hue with many silky hairs but no spots in the center. The golden bowl (*C. clavatus*) is one of the most rare and beautiful sorts. It is a rich yellow with many silky hairs each tipped with a little transparent knob.

Many others there are whose various shades and combination of colors beggar description and like the wild flowers of the east and middle west, bid fair to be ruthlessly destroyed by the onward march of civilization.



Narcissus Poeticus

hyemalis, or Winter Aconite, was tucked into the ground one fall, but they still show themselves the earliest of all the flowers on the place. Without any care they have increased, coming up in every crevice of the narrow plank walk in front of their bed. Like most of the early bloomers, this is low-growing, each yellow star with its mob-cap of green rises but a few inches from the ground, but in March, and even more in February any outdoor bloom is welcomed with enthusiasm, and any one who wishes to have flowers so early as to astonish all her friends would better invest in Winter Aconite. Do not think of getting simply one or two; that would make no show at all. The usual price is twenty cents a dozen; one dollar a hundred. As twenty-five are sold at the hundred rate, it would be the cheaper to get that number for twenty-five cents. With the increase in a few years one would have a creditable showing of extra early flowers. It may be well to say that only the larger bulb dealers catalogue these and some of the other small bulbs for which there is not a general demand, and it may be necessary to search a little in order to secure them, but it is worth while to go to some trouble to have something so unusual.

Another early-flowering bulb which may be planted with snow-drops with fine effect is the *Chionodoxa* or Glory of the Snow. There are four varieties catalogued, all blue or blue with white center. I have only tried *Luciliae*, a very dainty bit of sky blue indeed. *Sardensis*, which is described as "a strikingly beautiful, brilliant gentian-blue flower" would seem well worth a place in the border. These, like the other small bulbs are best bought and planted by the hundred if possible. They grow well in any good garden soil without any care after planting, and the first expense and trouble is all that is required.

The *Scillas* are another group of charming early flowers. *Sibirica* would make a pretty companion to either crocus or snowdrop in its mass of blue. It is a flower that soon becomes loved by its fortunate possessor as one of the prettiest of the small flowers of spring. The variety, *Campanulata*, also called large or Spanish Blue-bell or Wood hyacinth is a larger plant and later in bloom. It resembles somewhat the Roman hyacinth; the spikes of bells come in blue, white or rose, the stem often rising eighteen inches, far more showy than the other mentioned from its size and vigorous growth, but it blooms in late spring when we are not so dependent on bulbs for flowers. The *Scillas*, some at least, grow wild in England, and an English friend gazed with delight on my *Campanulata*, saying that Wood Hyacinths, like them, bloomed in copses around her home. They can be used for naturalizing in woods here as they are permanent and endure shade well.

The *Muscaria* or Grape Hyacinths are much better known than the preceding bulbs; they were grown in gardens long ago, and are sometimes found wild escaped from their old confines and flourishing in meadows. They are hardy and cheap so that any child might make a success of them and children love them dearly. Such an art critic as Ruskin appreciated their delicate beauty for he wrote of them as seen in their native home, southern France; "It was as if a cluster of grapes and a hive of honey had been distilled and pressed together into one small boss of celled and beaded blue."

I know but one variety of the *Fritillaries* and cannot say much of these seldom seen flowers, but they deserve to be tried by the flower-lovers in search of a new sensation. Are not old, old flowers now little



Mariposa Lily

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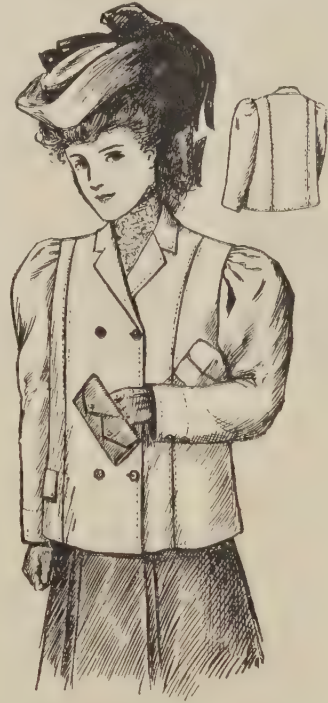


Pattern No. 6821
A Most Fetching Apron for Afternoons

No matter whether it is the mistress or the maid who wears an apron it should be pretty and becoming for afternoons. A dainty one in dotted swiss having ruffles of embroidery about the skirt portion and shoulder straps is sketched. The bib portion is just large enough to protect the front of the bodice yet sufficiently small to be chic and becoming. The shoulder straps are fastened at the top of the bib and at the belt in back. Materials which develop this design prettily are plain mull, cross-barred dimity, sheer nainsook and the fabric mentioned above. The pattern calls for 1 1/2 yards of 36-inch goods. No. 6821 in one size.

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Pattern No. 411
A Box Coat for a Miss

The loose hanging coats are very becoming to slender undeveloped figures and one which is suited to home making is shown. The side front and side back seams are stitched in slot seam effect to the shoulders while the front closes in double breasted fashion. The trim collar and lapels may be of velvet or the cloth stitched. This style of coat is very practical for the growing girl as it can be worn longer than the more closely fitted ones. A cheviot, broad-cloth or covert may serve of which 1 1/2 yards 54 inches wide are needed for the medium size. No. 411 is cut in sizes, 13 to 17 years.



Pattern No. 4139
A Charming Small Apron

Empire effects are very pleasing upon small wearers and the one shown is an example of excellence. The apron has a front yoke and a front skirt portion joined by a narrow band of embroidery. The back is straight and held in place by sashes fastened at the underarm seams and tied in the center? Ruffles serve as sleeve caps but these may be omitted if preferred. The design is easily developed and suitable to any of the usual apron materials. For the medium size 1 1/2 yards of 36-inch material is needed. No. 4139 is cut in sizes, 3, 4, 5 years.



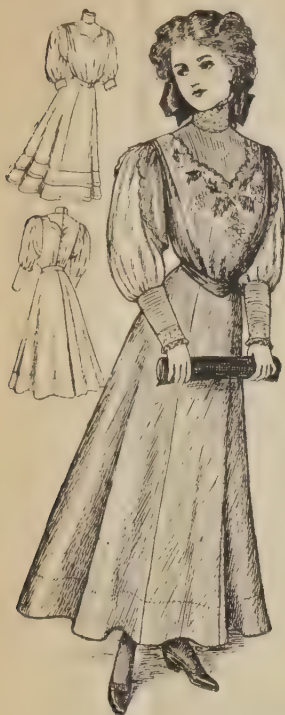
Pattern No. 6954
A Modish and Serviceable Coat

The separate coat, suitable for wearing with any skirt, presents a problem which many women find difficult of solution, since it must not be too elaborate to harmonize with a simple gown nor too plain to wear in conjunction with a dressy one. The model sketched offers just the medium needed. The smart continental collar effect is distinctly a novelty, while the narrow fancy vest and graduated trimming bands are especially becoming because of the impression of youthful slenderness which they convey. The coat, as shown in the larger sketch, is made of chiffon taffeta, with garniture of applique; but it could be developed quite as effectively in any flexible silk or woolen fabric. For the medium size 3 1/2 yards of 27-inch goods will be required.
 No. 6954 is cut in 6 sizes, 32 to 42 inches bust measure.



Pattern No. 6922-6923
An Attractive Costume Built on Shirt Waist Lines

The shirt waist dress has won its way so far into the affections of womankind that it appears for practical service during every season of the year. A dress built on these lines which is suited to development in any of the silks, mohairs or light-weight worsteds has its waist and skirt laid in plaits, those of the waist turning out and prettily finished with narrow pleated frills of a contrasting fabric. For mohair, which will be much worn during the coming weeks, the frills should be of taffetas, these being pretty upon the cuffs as well. The skirt is in seven gores, the front gore being left plain, and finished with an applied box plait if desired. For the medium size 5 1/2 yards of 44-inch goods are needed. No. 6922 is cut in sizes, 32 to 36 inches bust measure; and No. 6923 in 7 sizes, 20 to 32 inches waist.



Pattern No. 4168

An Attractive Gown for a Miss

The popularity of the guimpe and over-bouse costume extends to the young girl as well as to the little maid, and the model is quite as charming on the elder as upon the younger sister. The gown shown is of very simple style, without other adornment than two outward-turning tucks at the shoulder, which broaden the shoulder-line and increase the fullness in front, while the unusual outline of the neck and the sleeve-caps to correspond give the gown an individual style. A choice of full or shorter length is allowed in the sleeve, and the band flounces on the skirt may be used or not, as desired. The skirt is a three-piece model, and fits the hips smoothly while rippling widely at the hem. Serge, mohair or brilliantine would develop smartly by this model, 3 1/2 yards of 44-inch material being required for the medium size, without the skirt flounces. The guimpe requires 2 1/2 yards of 36-inch goods. No. 4168 is cut in sizes 14, 15, 16 and 17 years.



Pattern No. 4144

A Small French Dress with Separate Guimpe

A pleasing little frock built on the chic French lines and worn with a separate guimpe is shown. There is no style which renders the small maiden more quaintly attractive than this same long-waisted style, and while it is simple to make it is sure to prove becoming. The dress shown is unique in its stole bertha which joins the girdle in front and may be adorned or left plain. The dress is equally fetching in a stipple cloth or a lingerie fabric, the linens, chambrays or swisses being charming. For the medium size 1 1/2 yards of 27-inch goods are needed for the guimpe and 3 1/2 for the dress. No. 4144 is cut in 7 sizes, 3 to 9 years.



Pattern Nos. 4206-4207

A Charming Little Coat and Bonnet

Mistress Fashion has been evolving some wonderful apparel for little folks of late and a most fetching coat and bonnet which deserve mention because of their simple attractiveness, are shown. The bonnet is in one piece and finished with buttonbolting in a scallop. The side and crown button together while the tie-strings are slipped through eyelets in front. The front and side edges roll back from the face in a most becoming manner. The coat is in sack style and fastens only at the neck. A pretty design is embroidered along its edges, the round deep collar being an effective addition. The sleeves are full and finished with turnback cuffs of the embroidery. Bengaline or cashmere might serve as material of which 1 1/2 yard 27 inches wide is needed for the bonnet in the medium size and 1 yard 54 inches wide for the coat. No. 4206 is cut in sizes, 1, 3, 5 years; and no. 4207 in sizes, 1/2 to 6 years.



Pattern No. 6846

A Waist for Dressy Wear

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A Tub Frock for a Little Girl

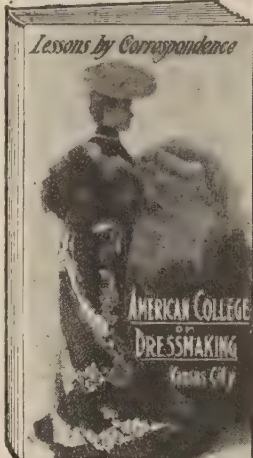
Madras was used for modelling this pretty little frock, which is equally adapted for home wearing; while for trimming narrow blue washable braid was selected. An attractive feature is the tuck-plated arrangement of the front, and the novel shaping of the bertha also contributes to the general effect of style. This little frock, which possesses the advantage of being made with body and skirt in one, may be developed in pongee or any preferred tub fabric or, for wearing on cool days, it might be made of cream-white French serge and trimmed with soutache braid. For the medium size 3 1/2 yards of 27-inch material will be needed. No. 4238 is cut in 6 sizes, from 2 to 7 years.

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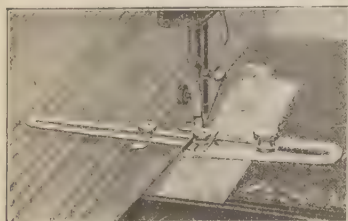
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CHAPTER X

BATTLE ROYAL

Mr. Worth had built for himself a plank house with shingled roof—the first real house the boys had entered since they left Bismarck.

Their father was away when they arrived, to be gone for some weeks, so the boys had a chance to have some of the fun they had longed for. They expected to have great sport with the miners' sons, but the latter were as a rule Eastern boys, and were versed in civilized amusements: baseball, marbles, tops. Of all these our boys knew nothing; their amusements were to ride well and shoot straight. And so the Worth boys and those of the camp stood aloof from one another, and John and Ben were soon almost as unhappy as they had been on the sheep range.

As time went on, however, the mining boys grew overbearing and insulting and never lost an opportunity to taunt and aggravate the young Westerners.

"I'm going to lick that Jake Adams whin an inch of his life," said John, wrathfully, one day to his brother.

"He's the worst one of the lot."

"All right," said Ben. "I'm with you."

Pretty soon an opportunity came, and John challenged Jake to fight. He accepted at once. A ring was formed on the outskirts of the camp by the boys and some of the men who guaranteed fair play. The contest that followed was short, sharp and decisive. John kept his head and made every blow tell, while Jake in his anger forgot all he knew and defended himself so poorly that his opponent soon satisfied him he was the better man.

After this such contests were frequent. From most of them John came out victorious, and for a time the others ceased to taunt the Worth boys.

The miners admired pluck and skill, and John had many friends among them. His father, too, did not disapprove, for he also admired one who could give and take hard knocks.

As John predicted, young Watson failed to get the mails in on time. John at once offered to undertake the job, and after some questioning the authorities decided he was capable of accomplishing it. Here was something he could do that would test his intelligence, his strength, and his courage, and he accepted it gladly.

Ragged Edge had sprung up in a gulch fourteen miles from the coal camp. Deep snows on the range nearly cut off communication with the outer world for three months in the year.

When John presented himself as a candidate for mail rider, Burns, the boss at Ragged Edge, looked at him in good-natured amusement. "Well, kid, if you think you can do it, go ahead and try. But it means work and p'raps danger." John told of his snowshoeing experiences in Dakota modestly but straightforwardly, and satisfied him by his resolute mien that he had the pluck to do it if any one could.

The boy spent several days in going over the ground, and making sure of his landmarks before the snows should cover up everything. He found at the top of the pass an old, abandoned cabin and marked its location in his mind in case of future necessity. This bit of precaution served him well before the winter was over.

"You had better get a good strong horse," said Mr. Worth, as John was mounting Baldy. "Baldy's too old. You'll need a good young horse."

"Oh no, sir. Baldy knows me and I know Baldy, and I think I can get along better with him than I could with any other horse," he said, rather anxiously, for he was afraid that his companion

would be denied him. "Besides," he continued, "Baldy can smell a trail through two feet of snow, and isn't he in good condition? You can't see a rib."

"All right," returned his father. "He's yours, and the job's yours. Go ahead and work it out the way you think best."

So boy and horse encountered the perils of the mountain pass together, friends always, but now sole companions.

While there was no sign of snow in the valleys, it was falling steadily in the mountains. John did not carry out his first plan of tethering Baldy at the snow line on the mine side of the mountains and covering the rest of the distance on snowshoes. He found that by following the bare ridges he could go the whole distance on horseback.

"Well, I must say you have done pretty well so far," said Burns one day, as John dismounted and handed him the packet of mail.

"Yes; haven't missed a trip," he answered rather proudly. "Don't know if I'd have made such a good record if I hadn't the best snow horse going though. Been snowshoeing it two weeks ago if it wasn't for Baldy." He stopped to stroke the animal's nose affectionately. "I vowed this should be his last trip, it's getting harder and harder; but he's such good company I hate to give him up."

Next morning, as Burns handed out the return mail, he warned the boy that bad weather was coming, and suggested that he leave the horse behind, for he would be more of a hindrance than a help. "Those black clouds mean that we're in for a big storm," he said, "and I tell you that you and your horse had better stay here. I can't boss you, kid, but I advise you not to fool with that storm—it's coming sure and you don't know what it means up here." In spite of this John decided to go on Baldy, for he wished to leave him safe at his father's camp.

John tucked the package of precious letters in his saddle-bag, and after calling out a good-by to Burns he set out. He had barely reached high ground when snow began to fall heavily and with it came a blustering, roaring wind that buffeted the travellers roundly. The horse slackened his speed, and, by signs that John knew well, advised retreat. The boy urged him forward, however, saying aloud—for he always felt as if Baldy could understand everything he told him—"No, old man, if we go back now you'll have to winter in the Ragged Edge gulch and you'll die sure. We can make it all right." The good beast seemed to acquiesce in his master's judgment, for he went along without further hesitation.

At length Baldy stopped, and John felt, with a thrill of real alarm, that he had lost the trail. To and fro they went, in vain efforts to find the way. Baldy still floundering along, but his sides began to heave and his legs to shake under him, for the exertion of breaking through the drifts from one wind swept ridge to another was most exhausting. John could stand it no longer; he slipped off his back and caught his head in both arms: "Why did I bring you out here?" he said, in bitter self-reproach.

There was only one chance for the lives of both. John remembered the abandoned hut at the top of the pass—if they could possibly reach that, they might be able to weather the storm together. He determined to try. Fastening Baldy's bridle rein to his fore leg, so that he could not follow, and giving him an affectionate pat on the nose, he started off, his teeth set determinedly. A few yards away the driving snow shut

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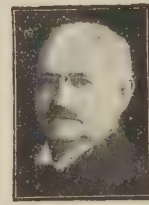
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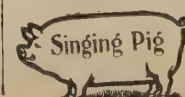
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How to Wash Blankets

Woolen blankets, it goes without saying, ought to be put away clean and fluffy. Make a boiling hot suds, enough to fill a large wash tub, using three table-spoonfuls of some good washing powder. When just warm enough to bear the hands, and the powder is all dissolved, plunge the blankets in, and punch them down and dip them up and down; use a clean board or blunt stick to punch them down; squeeze them with the hands; some washer women tramp them with their bare feet, turning them often in the process. Have a second hot water for rinsing. Dip up and down; turn; squeeze and punch the blankets, and if not perfectly clean and white, have a third hot water. Hang them lengthwise on a long line, without wringing. Fasten securely, from end to end with clothes pins, and hang in the hot sunshine.—G. T. D.

A Simple Remedy.

A good remedy for cake in the breast. Often young mothers catch cold and suffer from a cake forming in the breast and it not speedily relieved the breast will rise, causing much suffering, and often losing the usefulness of the breast in regard to giving milk. When the hard place begins to form, take a piece or cake of pure Castile soap and shave up with a sharp knife in some sweet milk, then put it on the fire stirring all the while and let it boil until it will make a poultice, then apply to the breast, renewing the poultice whenever necessary. When relieved bathe thoroughly with warm water, then lay a warm cloth over it, after having wiped dry.—A. B.

Some Simple Hints

Clean the sewing machine of oil and dirt with a cloth moistened with kerosene. No receptacle for soiled clothing should be kept in a sleeping room. Mildew on leather may be removed by gently rubbing with petroleum. Afterwards polish with a soft cloth. A good cement for china is made by mixing with a strong solution of gum arabic and water, enough plaster of Paris to make a thick paste. Apply with a camel's hair brush to the broken edges and unite. Never wash silver in soapy water, or it will have a white look. Keeping camphor gum in the box with silver is said to prevent tarnishing.—E. I. L.

To Treat Your Walls

To finish a room, get the house lining a grade heavier than is used to paper over, sew all together and tack it on the

walls at top and bottom and where necessary. Then make a good smooth cooked paste with flour and apply evenly. After this is dry give two good coats of paint and you have a wall which can be washed like oilcloth and is air tight. Cover the tacks with moulding. This can be papered over, any time and the paper does not crack.—Mrs. F. M.

To Clean an Iron Sink

There is nothing more annoying than a rusty sink and when it can not be replaced for a new enamel one this is the best way to care for it. It should be scalded out every morning with sal soda and when a crust of rust has formed rub it over with beef or mutton tallow over the bottom and sides then over this spread a coating of quicklime and let this stand over night. In the morning wash off the lime with an old scrub brush and plenty of water, then clean off the grease with hot water and sal soda. This process will take all the rust away and leave the sink as clean as a new pin.—L. A. L.

Best Way to Make Kitchen Aprons

If the apron is too long it becomes a nuisance. Try putting a five inch ruffle with full heading, on the bottom of kitchen aprons you will be surprised to find how many drips the heading of the ruffle and the ruffle itself will catch, for it will stand out from the dress and thus save it.—A. J. L.

How to Wash Eiderdown

Eiderdown may be washed the same way as fine flannels. Make a strong suds of soap and warm water. Wash the garment in this, then in weak suds, and finally rinse in warm water. When nearly dry, press on the wrong side. Brush gently the way of the nap with a clothes brush after ironing.—M. J. S.

How to Treat Linoleum

If linoleum is tacked down when first laid, the result will be that it will crack in several places, where it bulges up. The right, and only way is to let it go two or three months before tacking; or until it lies flat and smooth upon the floor, as it always stretches.—J. H. S.

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Fruit Pies


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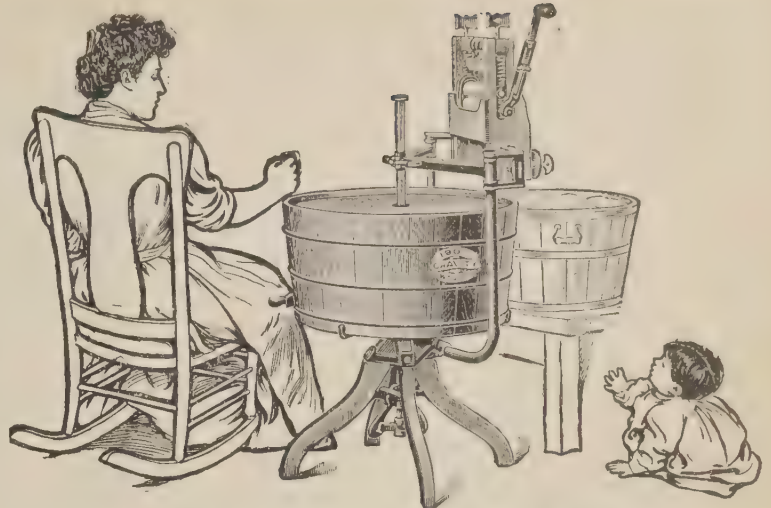
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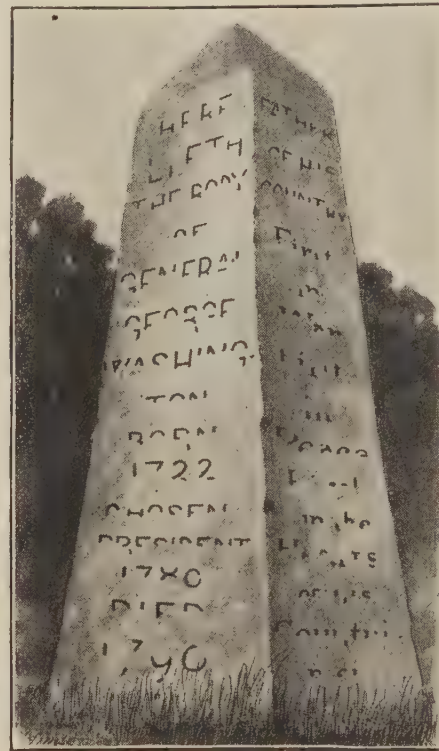
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Floral Question Box

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Hydrangeas.—Boston Fern

1. Will you please tell me how to successfully cultivate Hydrangeas? Is it difficult for an amateur in this country? I have been told that they do not succeed well here. What soil do they require?
2. I have an Ostrich Feather Boston Fern which is not thriving as it should. I have it in a pot of sand and garden soil mixed, with charcoal drainage. The fronds are yellow and dry looking. I reported but it did no good. I water when I do Geraniums, etc. Do they need much fertilizing? Please tell me what is the matter?—E. B., Texas.

1. You do not say what kind of Hydrangeas you have reference to, but we infer that you mean Hydrangea paniculata. This variety grows best in a rich, porous, and somewhat moist soil. It will thrive well in a partly shaded position, but flowers more freely in the full sunshine if it has sufficient moisture. The plants should be pruned in the fall or early spring. If only slightly pruned the plants will have more blooms, but the panicles will be small. If cut back every year almost to the ground, there will be fewer panicles but these will be so large that they will need support. The smaller panicles are the more graceful. We have no definite information whether they succeed well in Texas or not. It is possible that the climate is too dry for them, unless a large supply of water is available.
2. The Boston Fern likes a loose, porous soil; a good fibrous loam with a third of leaf mold and a little sand suits it very well. Especial care should be taken to have the drainage perfect by putting in a liberal supply of drainage material. The watering should be liberal, though the soil must not be kept constantly wet; shade from the hot sun. A little plant food occasionally will be beneficial. As the plant develops, shift into a larger pot. If the fronds have turned yellow, better cut them off and let a new growth start.

Chinese Yam

What shall I do with the little bulblets which grow in the axils of the leaves of the Chinese Yam? Should they be kept out of the ground, like Gladiolus bulbs, until next spring, or should they be planted this fall?—R. E. F., New York.

The little bulblets can be kept in a box of dry sand in the house, away from frost, and planted out in the spring.

Hibiscus

I have a double Hibiscus with which I am having trouble. The plant seems to be flourishing, but the buds drop off when ready to unfold. The dirt in which it is planted is clay, sand and manure. The pot has good drainage. I thought perhaps I kept it too wet, but the leaves yellow and drop off if the plant is not given a good deal of water.—Mrs. C. W. A., Illinois.

The soil for Hibiscus should be rich, but clay is pretty heavy unless it has a good allowance of sand mixed with it and well-rotted manure. Plenty of water should be given in summer when the plant is growing and blooming. Soak the soil thoroughly when you water the plant, then do not give any more until the surface looks dry. In the winter the plant can be set in the cellar and kept just moist enough to maintain life. In the spring cut back to make new growth on which the blossoms are borne. In winter the plant should be kept at a temperature of about fifty degrees. We recommend that you slip the plant from its crock to be sure that it has plenty of drainage material, then water abundantly during the summer.

A Good Winter Blooming Rose

I noticed that a subscriber wanted to know of a good Rose for winter-blooming. I can thoroughly recommend the Hermosa for blooming under all conditions.—Mrs. L. B., New York.

Crimson Rambler

I have a Crimson Rambler Rose in a seven inch pot which I keep in the house most of the time. The leaves are covered with a white substance; when it first appeared I thought it was mold. There are holes in the pot for drainage. I have kept the ground pretty wet for the plant seems to wilt if I do not. The soil is composed of dirt formed by the decaying of logs and pine needles. I would like to know what is the

trouble and how it can be remedied. Would the plant be better out in the ground? Mrs. F. M., Idaho.

It is impossible to tell whether it is mildew on the plant or insects, without a specimen of the leaves. Try some of the remedies given in the June number of the magazine. The soil is probably all right; be sure that there is plenty of drainage material, such as bits of broken crocks, in the bottom of the crock. The plant would be better out of doors during the summer. If the pot is plunged in the ground the plant will be less disturbed if you wish to take it in the house in the fall. Give plenty of water during the summer.

Yellow Calla—Fertilizer

1. I bought a bulb of Yellow Calla, put it in the bed as I do other lilies, but it made no growth, just decayed. What was the trouble?
2. I would like to know if I can use well-rotted droppings from my chickens for a fertilizer, or would it be too strong? O. S. A., California.

1. Perhaps the bulb of Yellow Calla was not sound, which caused it to decay. They are better adapted for pot culture, like the white calla, than for growing in the open ground. 2. Chicken droppings make such a strong fertilizer that there is danger in their use. A very very small quantity goes a long way as a fertilizer. Better experiment cautiously.

Bulbs For Window Blooming

Will you please tell me the best way to plant such bulbs as Narcissus, Hyacinths, Freesias, Jonquils and Iris for window blooming? Should the upper half of the bulb be left above the earth? Is there anything I can do to cause the flower stalk in Hyacinths to grow up above the foliage? Mine often grow so short that they do not show up nicely. Will Narcissus and Hyacinth bulbs grow and bloom as well in water as in earth? Mrs. L. L., North Dakota.

The bulbs mentioned should be set so that the top of each is at least two inches below the surface. Make a cone or cornucopia of stiff paper, cut off the end so as to leave a small opening and place over your Hyacinths. The plant will start upward towards the light and when it has made a good growth the cornucopia can be removed. Narcissus and Hyacinths will grow and bloom just as well in water as in earth, and for the former it is recommended to grow them in that way as they are sure then not to suffer for want of water. Hyacinth bulbs are more exhausted by growing in this way, and are not as good even for planting out in the garden the next season as when they are grown in pots.

Little White Flies

Please tell me what to do with my houseplants. They are covered with a white-looking egg or scale, and when you touch them little white flies leave them. They are found mostly on the under side of the leaves. H. O. R., Iowa.

In the April 1907 number of Vick's was given a remedy for these white flies. Please refer to that number of the magazine. Kerosene emulsion will probably prove an effectual remedy. Don't use it too strong; apply to under side of leaves as well as upper.

Embroidered linens must always be ironed from the wrong side, in order to throw the pattern in relief. If worked in colors, they are too delicate for ordinary washing. It is therefore best to do them separately, and, to obtain the best results, they must be dipped up and down in tepid soapsuds, hung to dry indoors, and ironed when half dry. If stiffening is considered desirable, gum arabic dissolved in water, or a very thin solution of clear starch answers the purpose.

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Feeding and Caring for Ducks

Most everywhere there is a good market for chickens, but ducks are slow sale in some localities, for this reason the one who contemplates raising ducks should look first for the market. After once a good outlet has been found, then look close to the quality of the stock you commence with. Only those which are good and thrifty should be used. With water fowl, the same as other poultry, there are many poor weak specimens that are unfit for breeding purposes. Locating the breeders should next be considered. Ducks will thrive better by having a good sized range. The beneficial results of having a good deal of liberty are found in two ways, they lay better and the eggs will hatch better than if confined closely. Water for ducks to swim in is not considered a necessity, but by having a pond or running stream they will keep cleaner than without it, and I would prefer that they have a wet marshy piece of ground to run over, this gives them exercise and they pick up a good deal of food on such ground. Cold water is injurious to very young ducks, but they may be allowed to go in moderately warm water while very small without harm. But of the two extremes give me too much water rather than too little for either old or young ducks. It is very important that all ducks should have plenty of pure water for drinking purposes, and especially when they are feeding. If the water has to be given them, it should be in a dish so fixed that they can get into it. Drinking fountains made expressly for this purpose are so convenient that it is hardly worth while to use other contrivances to water them in. Too much corn or corn meal should not be given to young ducks, feed more vegetables and bulky food. Most large duck raisers now feed raw food, experience has proved that there is nothing gained in cooking it. A good ration for breeding ducks is four parts corn meal, two bran, one middlings, one oats, one wheat, mixed with chopped grass, or green clover. For ducklings first feed two-thirds wheat bran, one-third corn meal, moisten with skimmed milk, place the feed in small dishes and sprinkle slightly with sand for first feed, and have a dish of luke warm water near by. Keep food before them all the time for first three days, then feed every three hours until a week old. After the fifth day some five per cent of beef scraps may be added, and after two weeks give one-half corn meal, one-half bran and ten per cent beef scraps, then give bran and meal three parts and one part low grade flour and fifteen per cent of straps until the finish and after a month feed only three times daily. V. M. C.

Rouen Ducks

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raising, yet they can not be classed other than a first class all round duck. V. M. C.

Questions and Answers

Will you kindly inform me the proper method of raising young turkeys, as to food, grit, etc.? I tried to raise some this last year, but met with very poor success.—Mrs. N. F. C., Montrose, N. Y.

Ans. Mate medium sized gobblers two or three years old with well matured hens. Do not inbreed. Feed wheat, corn, oats and barley to old stock during breeding season, no soft food. Set eggs under chick hens, ten eggs to a good sized hen, or fourteen to sixteen to a turkey hen. Unless the weather is warm and the hen is in a good place, remove the poults as fast as hatched to the house and cover in a basket. Feed nothing until twenty-four hours old, then give a little bread moistened with milk and squeezed dry, and sprinkled with black pepper, every two hours until three or four days old. Cheese made from skim milk, also few finely cut onion tops are good for them during this time. Other good feed for first three or four days is mixture of beaten eggs sifted with ground oats then cooked and crumbled for them. After about a week, commence to mix in a little cracked wheat, Kaffir corn or millet with the cooked food, and gradually get them on to a grain ration entirely. A food made of one-half cheap grade of wheat flour and balance equal parts middlings and bran, with little corn meal, cooked and fed dry, is good after a week old. Never give more of any food than will be eaten up clean. Chick grit and shells should be provided, and granulated bone is good. Move the coop often to fresh short cut grass ground. Keep the poults dry and examine them and the mother closely for lice and mites and apply lard or vaseline.

What is the proper way to feed potatoes, beets and turnips to poultry and are meat scraps better than the animal meal for fowls—G. H. B., Sharpe, Kans.

Ans. Cook the potatoes and mix in with a mash of middlings, meal, bran, etc. Beets and turnips may be fed in same way or in raw state, split and hung on spikes on the wall or cut fine. Some prefer the scraps, others the meal. When I can get good quality of the scraps, I always use them.

Is powdered marble good for fowls as a grit, and how is barley as compared with other grains for hens?—G. C. R., Pittsburg, Pa.

Ans. Marble, in the form of a powder, would be of no use as a grit, but in a granulated state, the size of other poultry grit it would be good. Barley contains 1.8 per cent fat, 69.8 carbohydrates, and 12.4 per cent protein, and is considered a good poultry food.

What are the different American breeds of fowl, and what breed would you recommend for a city or village fowl when there is limited space?—A. G., Havana, Ill.

Ans. Of the American breeds, the Standard of Perfection calls for the following varieties: viz.—Plymouth Rocks, Barred, White and Buff. Wyandottes—Silver, Golden, White, Buff, Black, Partridge and Silver Penciled. Javos—Mottled. Dominique—Rose Comb. Rhode Island Reds—Single Comb. Buckeyes—Pea Comb.

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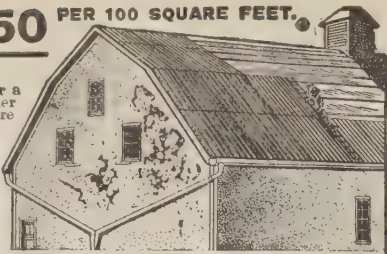
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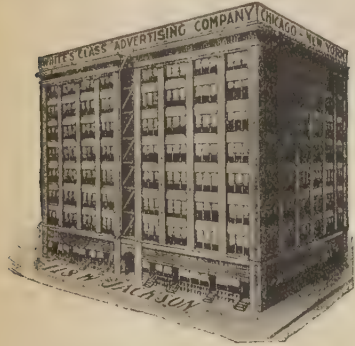
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Bulb Growing in the West

By August Wolf

Thirty thousand bulbs are in bloom on the government built tract of land, 25 by 142 feet, at Hillyard Orchard Heights, four miles east of Spokane, Wash., where John Van der Boesch, who has made a life study of the culture of hyacinths, tulips and narcissus, and a small colony of Hollanders are making experiments with 40,000 bulbs. Mr. Van der Boesch has grown these flowers in France, England, on the Channel isle and in Holland, the home of bulb culture, but nowhere, he declares, has he found a combination of climatic and soil conditions as is afforded in his present location.

The Hillyard tract is one of three temporary stations established by the government in conjunction with private growers in Washington; the other two are located in other parts of the state; and the one which meets with the best success will be made the permanent bulb farm. The results at Hillyard lead Mr. Van der Boesch to believe that the farm will be the one chosen.

However, there is more than soil and climate in these results, and a large share of the credit is due the patient and painstaking Dutch methods of the men in charge. The farm is owned by John Mass and worked by culturists direct from the land of dykes who bring the expert experience. The plot consists of less than an acre of ground, not all of which is in use. It is a piece of low lying ground at the base of a hill and the soil is a loose volcanic ash, different from the general soil of the valley. No horse or plow is allowed on the ground. That would pack the earth too much, say the men in charge, and all cultivating and preparing of soil is done with a spade, which takes work, but sinks deep and leaves the ground in the best of condition. The bulbs were received from Holland last fall, nursed indoors through the winter and set outside early in the spring.

According to the contract with the government one-tenth of the bulbs produced go to the department, but there is profit left for the owners for all that. The government has no share in the blossoms, and these have been selling readily in Spokane and in various cities on Puget Sound at sixty cents a dozen. With 40,000 bulbs to draw from, this profit readily sums into considerable figures.

The capacity of the farm will be increased next year, and already the men are making preparations to lease five acres adjoining the tract, which will be filled with bulbs and garden truck, and in a short time it is expected that the number of growing bulbs will extend into the millions.

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An experiment we tried with beets this past year has been so successful that others may wish to know of it. Last summer we had a most delicious summer beet, round, and of a dark red color, tender, sweet, and free from even a suspicion of woodiness. It is known as the "Dark Stinson." When winter approached, we pulled the rest of our summer beets of which we had nearly half a bushel. Although fully matured the beets showed no tough, woody fibers after being thoroughly cooked. At this writing, February 22nd we had beets as tender and sweet as in summer. With this difference that the beets tasted even better in winter when fresh vegetables are so hard to get.

Possibly the method we used in cooking these beets in winter has something to do with our success. By experience we have found that in winter beets need a long cooking. The time of boiling is usually six hours. On the day before they are to be served the beets are boiled for three hours, then drained carefully from the water. The next morning they are put on for their final boil of three hours.

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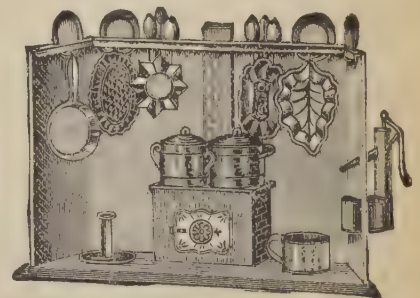
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The Pansy
By Florence Beckwith

If a vote should be taken as to the most popular flower, there is no doubt that the pansy would win the day by a large majority. Every country gives it a pet name. Hearts-ease, Hearts-pansy, Butterfly Flower, Love-in-Idleness, Johnny Jump Up, and Step Mother are among the most common. The French call it Pensee, from which the English name Pansy is probably derived.

From the little *Viola Tricolor* of our grandmothers' gardens, the pansy has been evolved by years of scientific culture, hybridization and selection. The plants have gradually become more robust and the flowers correspondingly improved in size, substance, form and colors. For about a hundred years the seedsmen and florists have been working to improve the blossoms and, they have attained enormous size and variations of color not dreamed of even a comparatively few years ago. Blossoms four inches across are not unusual, and some varieties have flowers so large and full that the petals seem to be gathered to the stem, causing them to be undulated and fluted.

At first there were only one or two varieties of pansies cultivated, but now there are hundreds of sorts. New tints and blendings of color are constantly being produced. A few years ago who would have thought of seeing a pink pansy; but now there are some unmistakably of that hue. Soft apple blossom color tinted with rosy lilac, purplish red bordered with carmine rose, golden bronze, royal purple, delicate mauves and lavenders, the lightest azure and the deepest ultramarine blue, glowing yellow, pure white and black all were in the early spring.

For the production of good flowers, the pansy plant must be young, vigorous

and make a rapid growth. At the north the times of greatest beauty are early spring and autumn. If plants come into bloom in the heat of summer, the flowers will be small, but as the weather becomes cooler they will increase in size and beauty. Often plants which have produced flowers two or three inches in diameter during the cool, showery weather of spring will give only the smallest of blossoms during the dry weather of summer.

The flowers will be of better size in summer if the plants are grown in a partly shaded location, but they should not be planted under thick trees, for too much shade makes them grow spindling and produce few flowers. They generally do well on the north side of a building. If plenty of water is supplied during hot, dry weather, a decided improvement in the size of the blossoms will be observed. If you wish to have flowers all summer, give the bed a thorough soaking twice a week and pick off all the withered flowers. Don't give the plants just a little sprinkling every night; it will not do them half as much good as a soaking every three or four days.

To obtain plants for early spring flowering, the seed should be sown in August. Sow the seed in a cool place in the open ground in soil that has been made very fine, or in a box or cold frame, and keep shaded and well watered until the plants are well up. By the middle of September they can be transplanted into beds, setting four inches apart.

It is best to sow expensive seed in shallow drills two inches apart. Scatter the seed thinly in the drills and just barely cover with earth. Keep shaded and well watered until the seeds germinate.

The soil in the beds should be very rich; one-third well-rotted cow manure added to good garden loam is about the right proportion; old manure from the hot bed answers the purpose very well. If the soil is not very rich, applications of liquid manure (not too strong) will tend to produce larger flowers.

If plants are set in cold frames and covered with glazed sash, giving ventilation occasionally on mild days, blossoms can be obtained in March.

Usually when we have plenty of snow during our coldest months in this latitude, good strong pansy plants will come through the winter all right, and a warm rain and a few fine days in April will start them growing and blooming beautifully. When there is little snow the plants suffer. Some straw very thinly laid between the rows will help to catch the drifting snow that would otherwise blow away, and afford protection to the plants. Hemlock boughs with their arching stems upward make an excellent covering and do not lie heavily on the plants. The middle of November is plenty early enough to give the beds protection. If covered too closely the plants will rot. If the frost heaves the plants out of the ground, go over the beds early in the spring and press them back.

You may never have sown pansy seed in summer, but if you want fine early-blooming plants don't fail to do so. With proper care the seeds will germinate finely and you will feel repaid a hundred fold when the bright faces of the panies greet you in the spring.

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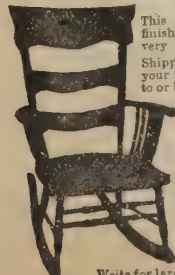
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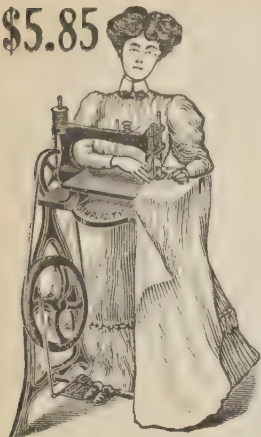
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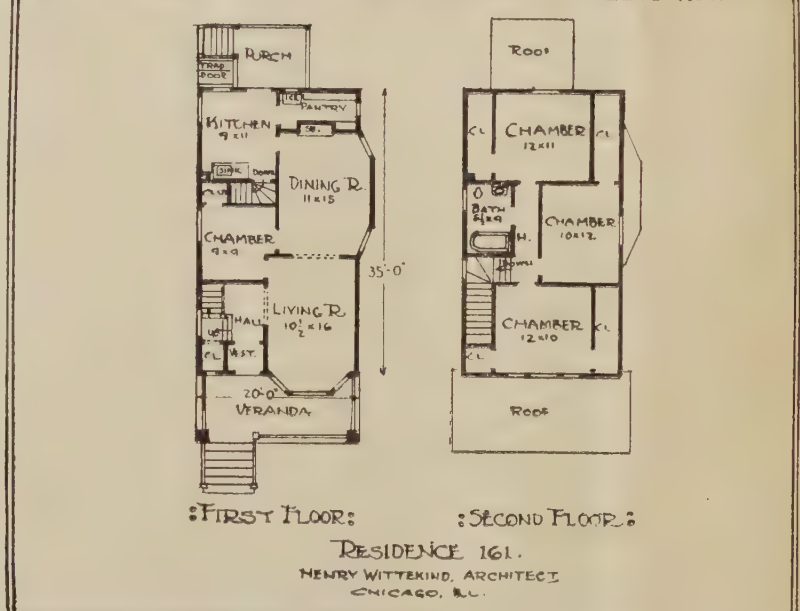
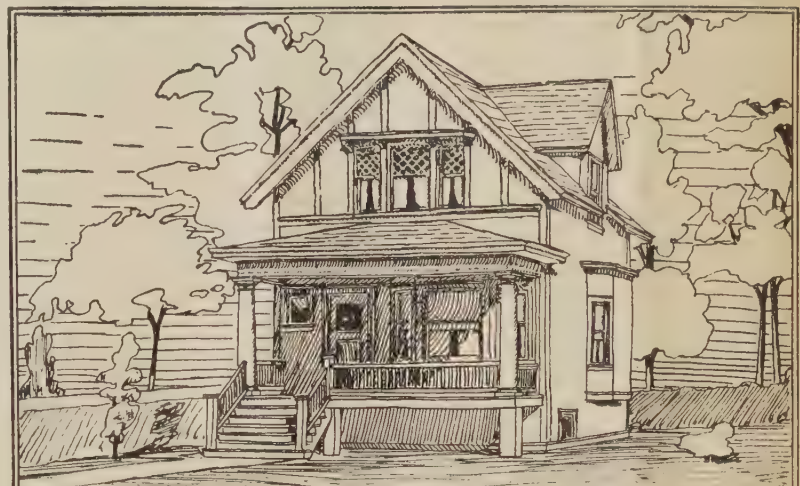
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Peach Dumplings

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The March of Progress

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scarin' folks out of a week's growth. 'Lias's wife couldn't get used to 'em, no how. Had to go over to her sister's every other thing to rest up, and get some sleep. No wonder folks loses their eyesight an' their hearin', an' has nervous prostration with such goin's on. They used to hold out a long sight better'n they do now. My father's family most all lived to be over eighty, an' kept their faculties too—you know that, Maria—but how's anybody goin' to, these days, I'd like to know?"

"You come of a long-lived family, Charles," assented Mrs. Leonard, as he paused for breath. "And you're pretty hearty yourself. I shouldn't wonder if you lived as long as any of them yet."

"Not with them cars warrin' me into my grave," grumbled her husband. "Talk about modern improvements, an' the march of progress—they aint even half civilized. Worse'n old Juggernaut in the Sunday School papers! That did go slow—must have, by the looks of it. An' you had to throw yourself under the wheels too, to get run over; but these things come tearin' round the corner, an' kill you dead before you know it."

"They do go too fast," Mrs. Leonard admitted. "Folks are in such a hurry nowadays. They don't want to waste time getting anywhere."

Mr. Leonard smiled contemptuously. "Waste time! What do they do with their time after they've saved it? Go rushin' off somewheres else, when they're enough sight better be home. Like that man I read about dashin' into some old ruin of a place, over in Europe somewheres, an' tellin' them to show him all they could in five minutes! An' I'll warrant he wa'n't no great account neither, when he got to wherever he was goin' in such a hurry. Folks that don't do much is always in the biggest hurry to do it, I notice. Well—they aint goin' to tear round over here, that's flat! It's always been a good, respectable neighborhood, an' we don't want none of their modern improvements about it. I yum I'll see every man on the Neck to-morrow, an' put a stop to it. An' if old man Pearse let's 'em have any shore resorts on his land, why I'll let him know what I think of him anyhow, before another day goes over his head."

"Then you're not thinking of ploughing to-morrow," suggested his wife blandly. The South Lot—

"'Taint fit weather for ploughin'," interrupted Mr. Leonard emphatically. "Hum—that is," recollecting himself hastily, "it'll have to wait, whether or no. I was lottin' on it, of course— and he bustled out of the room to escape further embarrassment.

Mrs. Leonard nodded. "I thought as much," she said wisely. "I know Charles Leonard."

That was a busy week for Mr. Leonard, and the tide of his eloquence flowed unrestrained. Most of his elder neighbors were entirely of his mind, but to the younger ones, who wavered or were inclined to favor the scheme, his arguments were crushing. Dire were the calamities he predicted, and lurid the pictures which he painted of the devastation of their premises, the stealing of their fruit, and the destruction of their fences, by toughs and hoodlums who were only waiting for the chance to bring them hiser; of the baleful influences of the shore resort, where their boys would learn to gamble, and their girls to flirt; while their help, one and all, would succumb to the deadly fascinations of the merry-go-round, and be good for nothing ever after. All day long he was upon the war path, and Monday night saw his forces organized, and marshalled as one man against the foe, pledged to the Town Meeting and a fight to the death.

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And so, the next evening, Mr. Leonard's old sorrel waited patiently in the rain before the Postoffice, till the Council meeting broke up, and then jogged contentedly homeward with an approving conscience behind him.

Mrs. Leonard was sitting up, late as it was, and knitting to the accompaniment of portentous yawns, when her husband entered.

"Well Maria," he said briskly, rubbing his hands; "I guess we'll make out with the old sorrel awhile longer—the cars aint a-comin'". An' I was thinking if 'twas so you wanted to go to town to-morrow, to see the doctor or anything, I guess I can manage to take you along myself. 'Taint exactly ploughin' weather yet."

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Buell Hampton

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No wonder hope sprang up anew in the hearts of the farmers. True their crops were gone,—but here was nature smiling with promise. To them it was the rainbow of hope.

CHAPTER XXIX

JACK REDFIELD ARRIVES

"Cattle Thieving and Its Punishment," was the headline of an editorial written by Maj. Buell Hampton for the *Patriot*. This editorial, perhaps, brought its writer more subscribers from the cattlemen than any other one editorial ever published in southwestern Kansas.

Notwithstanding this article and the wide notice it received, the thieving continued. John Horton estimated that he had lost during the year, fully one hundred thousand dollars' worth of beeves, while other cattlemen of less pretensions had also lost heavily.

With a view to popularizing the Barley Hullers, Major Hampton announced through the columns of his paper that he was preparing to issue a general order to all lodges of Barley Hullers bordering on No Man's Land, to resolve themselves into committees, and, by a concert of action, annihilate, root and branch, the cattle-thieving cancer that had fastened itself upon the frontier of the Southwest.

In the meantime, the announcement of the betrothal of Ethel Horton to Lord Avondale was heralded throughout the country. Hugh was greatly depressed by the turn affairs had taken.

One morning he received a letter from Jack Redfield, which briefly stated that his letter had been received and that he would leave Chicago for Meade the next day. Hugh wondered whether Jack's presence in the Southwest might not now complicate matters more than ever, but he concluded that its possible beneficial results were well worth the trial. "Ethel must be saved," said he; and conscience applauded the declaration.

That same evening, Hugh called at the Osborns. The old captain told Hugh that they must keep the bank doors open at all hazards, and, if possible, never permit the word "failure" to cloud their name.

"We may lose our private fortunes, Hugh, my boy," said he, "but you will care more about protecting your name, and having it said by the world that every depositor was paid in full, than you will for the fortune you have lost."

Mrs. Osborn seemed but little distressed by the captain's financial embarrassment.

"It may be that we shall have to call upon Lucy for a little money to help us out," said the captain, winking at Hugh.

"Captain," replied his wife, determinedly, "you have hinted several times about appropriating my private fortune to save yourself from bankruptcy, and I want you to understand distinctly that I object. You know I am going to England soon, and do not want to be bothered by having my private means interfered with."

"All right, Lucy, all right," replied the captain. "We will try to get along without calling on you. You see, Hugh, when Mrs. Osborn and I were married, I made her a present of a hundred thousand dollars in government bonds. I collect the interest and place it in her private account, and keep the bonds securely locked in a strong box in our vault."

"That reminds me, Captain," observed his wife, rather frigidly, "I wish to take my bonds with me when I start for England. I have concluded to deposit them in a New York bank." The captain made no reply.

"When do you expect to start on your European trip?" inquired Hugh.

"In six weeks," replied Mrs. Osborn. "You know Ethel is to be married on the first of September, and we shall start immediately after. Lord Avondale has extended such a pressing invitation that I have at last yielded." Mrs. Horton says we may not return for a year."

The next day Doctor Redfield came. His meeting with Hugh was at first a little strained, but soon mellowed into the old-time comradeship.

"Why the deuce, Hugh, didn't you tell me that you were coming to this frontier town of Meade?" asked Redfield, when they were seated in Hugh's room at the hotel.

"It certainly was very careless of me not to," replied Hugh, and I was likewise very neglectful in not writing to you. You see, Jack, the frontier was like a new world to me—full of excitement and money-getting. Why, at one time, before the hot winds came, I supposed that I had at least doubled my fortune, and now,—well,—it is practically all gone. I shall not care however, if I can only help to bring you and Ethel together. Ah, Jack, she is indeed a fine character."

Doctor Redfield paced the floor in silence for a few minutes. "I never knew the meaning of the word love, until I met Ethel Horton," he finally said. "My whole heart was, then and there, given to her. If I have been waiting the longest year of my life for the letter that never came. The destiny marked out for her I fear, has proved stronger than her love. Really, Hugh, did you ever read a more cruel letter than the one Mrs. Horton wrote me?"

"Let me see it again," said Hugh. "I have a suspicion that Mrs. Horton never wrote that letter."

"What do you mean?" asked Jack, in astonishment, as he handed it to Hugh.

"Just this," replied Hugh, "I have an impression that it was written by Mrs. Osborn. I should like to show this handwriting to Captain Osborn."

"As you like," replied Jack. "But what am I to do? Here I am, within a half-hour's ride of Ethel, only to learn of her approaching marriage to Lord Avondale. Was ever a man placed in such a trying position?"

"Cheer up, old fellow," said Hugh, good-naturedly. "Come, faint heart ne'er won fair lady—or anything else. We must prevent this widely-published marriage if possible."

"Easily enough said," replied Jack, dejectedly. "Of course," he went on, half jestingly, "we

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might raid her home some dark night and carry her off into captivity, and then take our chances on a reconciliation. "Not a bad idea, after all," said Hugh, elevating his eyebrows, "and if we are pushed too closely by the enemy, we may consider the plan seriously. Jack, I would not be quite frank with you did I not confess that at one time I asked Ethel Horton to become my wife." Jack looked at his friend in utter astonishment. "Yes," Hugh went on, "and that is the way I learned of her love for you—a love that you never need, doubt. I finally pulled myself together, however, and sent for you." Jack took his friend's hand in both his own, and pressed it warmly. "Hugh," said he, "you are a good fellow. The fight is now on, and, with your help, I must and shall win." They talked far into the night, but early next morning they set out for Martilla, a little village some fifteen miles to the northwest. "I want to show you Kansas," said Hugh, "and there is no better way for you to meet the people and familiarize yourself with their customs. The recent heavy rain has made the country look habitable again."

The morning was an ideal one. Vast herds dotted the prairie. A little way on, at the side of the road, a cowboy on his horse, with his bronco was near him. As they drew near, Hugh exclaimed, "Why, it's Seaton Cornwall, my English friend!" and they dismounted. Seaton Cornwall arose and came toward them. After an introduction, Doctor Redfield observed: "I see you pass some of your time reading. An interesting novel, I suppose?" "No, I was reading 'Plutarch's Lives,' replied Cornwall. Since leaving Oxford I still find great pleasure in keeping up my studies."

"Mr. Cornwall," interposed Hugh, "is one of my earliest acquaintances in Kansas, and, while he is of English birth, he admires America and American institutions." "Yes," said Cornwall, "instead of hearing the music of 'God Save the Queen' I listen to the howling of herds, the bawl of mavericks, the yelp of coyotes, and the howl of wolves. However, I am not lonely, for I have quite a number of books with me."

"I hope you like America?" Doctor Redfield interrogated. "Very much, indeed," replied Cornwall. "There are opportunities here which England can never give to her people. I love the land of my birth, I love Englishmen and English ways, but I none the less, however, love democracy in America and the opportunities that it affords. We are one race, anyway, speaking a common language and closely allied on all international subjects."

When Hugh and Doctor Redfield had taken their leave of Cornwall, the latter returned to his Plutarch. Hugh and Jack, as they rode on, mutually agreed that Cornwall entertained a most sensible view of the existing conditions. "This is a new life to me," said Jack, "the frontier. It has a new meaning to me."

"Yes," replied Hugh, "and strange as it may seem, I love the frontier. It is true that my own wind have swept away my fortune. Still, on the frontier one is surrounded by friends different from those one makes in cities—the great congested centres of our population."

"I deeply regret," replied Jack, "your having come into this inhospitable place. However, old fellow, your coming may be the means of my succeeding in restoring relations with Ethel."

"It must be the means," said Hugh, decidedly. "Really, Jack, I hardly believe you understand the depth and nobleness of Ethel's character."

"Well, Hugh," replied Jack, thoughtfully, "I know she appealed to me no other woman ever has or ever will. You assure me that she still loves me. This fills me with a determination at least to let her know that my love is the one strong fiber of the fabric in my existence."

"You will not fail, Jack, but if you should—?" "Ah! if I should," said Jack, energetically, as he looked far away across the prairie, "yes that is a question to be considered. If Ethel, for any reason, objects to marrying me, excepting for the one reason that she does not love me, I will overcome every obstacle, and carry her away. If, contrary to your belief, her love has been given to another, or she no longer cares for me, I will return to Chicago and devote my life to my profession."

For awhile they rode on in silence, when suddenly Jack, in some surprise, exclaimed, "Why, what is that over yonder?" pointing to an agile prairie-dog, and then another, and still another. "They are prairie-dogs," laughingly replied Hugh. "There may be ten thousand dogs within a radius of half a mile."

"Well, what a novel sight!" exclaimed Doctor Redfield. "I should say there were rather more than ten thousand, than less, and every one of the little fellows sitting up on his haunches in such an observant way. With this, Jack put spurs to his horse, when, instantly, this army of prairie-dogs disappeared as if by magic into their burrowed homes. While they were talking, a myriad of heads protruded from the doorways of the underground homes, as if sentinels on the lookout for danger. "Just look at the little fellows," cried Jack, "hundreds of little heads, and double that number of spying eyes peeping at us in intense wonderment. How I should like to carry some of them back to Chicago with me."

"And deprive them of their liberty?" asked Hugh. "I forgot," replied Jack, "that you are a sympathizer with the Humane Society." "I certainly am," replied Hugh. "I would not purposely take the life of a worm."

The afternoon was well-spent before they reached Meade. On entering the town they came by the public school building. Through an open window the united melody of a hundred little voices rose and fell in their afternoon exercises before dismissal. "Ah," said Jack, as he turned to Hugh, "I have marveled at your love for the frontier, but I am beginning to have a profound respect for the Sunflower State myself."

"Yes," said Hugh, "it is the birthplace and home of Ethel Horton."

"Ah!" said Jack, looking up quickly, "what magic there is in that name. The good right arm of the breadwinner is strengthened more, my little fellows, than in unexpected careers or an encouraging word from loved ones than by all the roast beef in Christendom."

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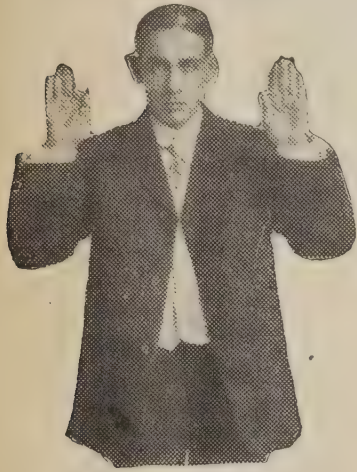
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"That's all right, old boy," he called aloud; "I'm not going to leave you. I'll be back." He turned in the direction he thought the cabin should be and fought his way on. A vision of Baldy standing dejectedly alone, his rough brown coat turned white by the sleet, his faithful old eyes half closed, drove the boy on irresistibly, for, next to his brother, he loved his horse better than anything else in the world.

He ploughed through drift after drift, following one ridge, for only by keeping one such landmark in sight was it possible to go in any given direction. He stood still and looked drearily down the hillside. Nothing, nothing but the deadly snow.

And then in this abjectness he suddenly gave a cry of delight. For the wind rent the snow apart for an instant and he caught a glimpse of the shelter he sought. He began at once to look for a place where Baldy might be led down in safety.

How John found his way to the half-frozen beast and then slowly got him back to the cabin he never knew. Only his indomitable pluck and his training pulled him through. John took off the saddle, and the intelligent animal, bending his knees a little, squeezed through the low door. The boy followed, throwing the saddle blanket over the horse's shivering flanks and wondering if they were safe, even now. After a short rest, John scrambled up the slope to the dead tree and broke off some branches. Soon a fire was blazing, and boy and beast absorbed the heat gratefully.

Thoroughly warmed, and with new courage and strength, John went outside again and began to stop up the chinks with snow and to scrape banks of it up against the walls. All day John was kept busy gathering wood and patching the walls. By nightfall a good supply of fuel had been collected and the little cabin was by comparison comfortable. There was little sleep for the boy that night, however.

All night long he listened to the roaring of the wind, taking "cat naps" during the short lulls that came at intervals. The fire required constant replenishment, and Baldy, was so restless that continual watchfulness was necessary to keep from under his feet, though the good horse would never have harmed his young master except by accident. Both boy and beast began also to suffer greatly from hunger.

At dawn the gale subsided somewhat, and John realized that he must get food at once if his life and that of his horse were to be saved. Breaking through the snow bank which had piled up against the rude door, he made his way to a creek half a mile down the mountain and cut with his knife an armful of poplar saplings and carried them back to the hut. Baldy tore off the bark from these and munched it contentedly; and then John bade his equine friend good-by and started off to find food and shelter for himself.

The six miles that separated the lonely cabin from the mining camp were the longest and most trying that John had ever traveled, he thought.

From dawn till noonday he battled with the snow, and when at last he reached his father's house he was hardly able to answer the questions which his overjoyed family put to him. An man was sent back to look after Baldy. He found that good horse chewing poplar bark as calmly as if he was in his own stable, though the cabin was so small and the horse so large in comparison that it appeared to be resting on his back, like the howdah on an elephant.

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quences of which had great influence on one of the principals at least.

Casey was really a grown man, and John had never fought in earnest with one old enough to wear a mustache, but his blood was up now and he would not back down.

The two retired behind a large stable and a crowd of men and boys formed a ring. "Keep him at arm's length," whispered Ben as he took off his brother's coat and cinched up his belt firmly round his waist. "Don't let him hug you and you'll lick him, sure."

The two antagonists now stood face to face, but neither had yet struck a blow. "How do you want to fight?" Casey asked.

"You fight your way and I'll fight my way," John answered, and at the word struck out. The crowd yelled "Foul," but neither took any notice.

Casey came at John, his arms jerking back and forth, but hitting nothing. John drew his lead and then, as his guard was lowered, threw in his own left with staggering effect. This angered Casey greatly, and he rushed his opponent in a vain effort to get in a deciding blow at once; but his rushes were avoided nimbly, and as his defence was careless many blows were rained on his head and body. Evidently the boy knew more about boxing than he did. Casey thought, and as the method of fighting was left undecided he determined to change his tactics. In a rough-and-tumble fight he knew his age and strength would tell. To close in and grapple with John was his purpose now. So far the battle was in the boy's favor, and a number of the wavering ones came over to his side. "He's getting low now, Worth. Swing on him," said one of them; and John, acting on the advice, quickly landed a stiff one on the jaw. Casey fell, but John stood to one side and waited till he got up. He was angry clear through. Again and again he rushed, but was beaten off each time. He aimed a savage blow, which John almost succeeded in dodging. It landed lightly, but gave Casey the opportunity he sought and they clinched, the minor hugging with all his might.

"Oh, John!" muttered Ben.

"Good work," yelled the crowd, who had suddenly deserted to Casey's side.

It was the greatest squeeze that John had ever had. Again they went down, this time John underneath and on his back. The crowd paused an instant before pulling Casey off, but during that pause he made good use of his time, raising a low after blow on John's upturned face. John was licked.

Ben helped him put on his clothes and led him down to the creek to bathe his bruised face.

"What's the matter with your hand?" Ben said suddenly, as he noticed the blood trickling over the knuckles of his brother's right hand.

"He chewed it," John answered.

"What bit you?" Ben exclaimed.

"My arm was around his neck and he grabbed my thumb in his mouth. He wouldn't have got me so easy but for that."

For a time neither boy said a word. How a man could do such "dirty" as Ben said, was more than he could understand.

Before the boys had reached the house the news of his defeat had been made known there, and Mr. Worth determined that the lesson he had received should be a lasting one.

"Hello, John!" he said jovially, as the two boys came slowly in, "you met your match today, I hear. Whipped you well, didn't he?"

John hung his head.

"Hold up here, let me see your face," said the father roughly. "Well, he did give it to you: eyes blacked, face scratched, mouth swollen—you're a sign. You'd be more careful next time, I guess," he added.

John turned on his heel and left the room.

"Ben," he said, on meeting his brother outside, "I'm going away."

"Going away?" Ben repeated in wonder.

"Where are you going?"

"I don't know; I don't care. I'm not going to show my face in camp again; even father at home laughs and jeers at me. I'm going to leave tonight."

* John Worth bears the marks of Casey's teeth on his thumb to this day.

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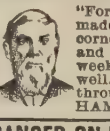
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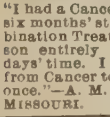
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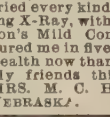
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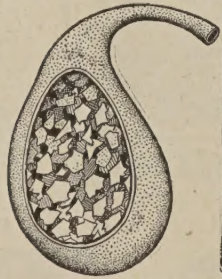
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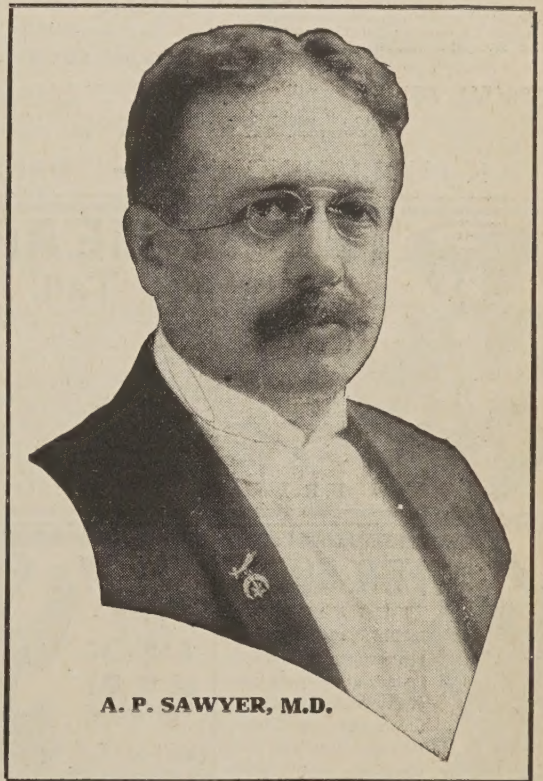
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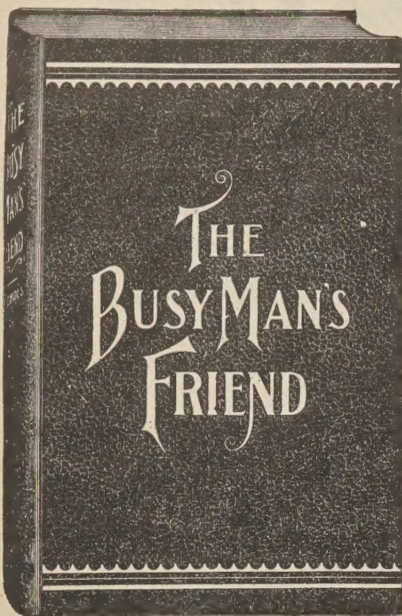
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Holland and Her People

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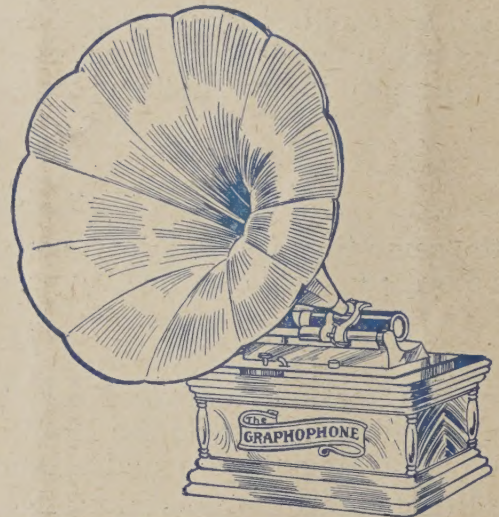
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